



2024

USC FOOTBALL **SPRING PROSPECTUS**



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USC QUICK FACTS

Location—Los Angeles, CA 90089
Founded—1880
Enrollment—49,000 (21,000 undergrad)
Size—235 Acres
President—Dr. Carol L. Folt
Colors—Cardinal and Gold
Nickname—Trojans
Band—Trojan Marching Band (300+ Members)
Fight Song—"Fight On"
Mascot—Traveler IX
First Football Team—1888
USC's All-Time Record—875*-368-54 (69.6%)
Athletic Director—Jen Choen
Conference—Pacific-12
Stadium—Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum,
 United Airlines Field
 (77,500 capacity, natural grass)
Head Football Coach—Lincoln Riley
 (Texas Tech, 2006)
Riley's USC Record—19-8
Riley's College Record—74-18 (7 Years)
Football Office Phone Number—(213) 740-4204
2023 Record—8-5 (5-4, tied for 4th Pac-12
 regular season)
Squadmen Returning—64
Starters Returning—11 (5 offense, 6 defense)
Squadmen Lost—50
**Not including 14 wins and 1 loss vacated due to
 NCAA penalty (original record: 889-369-54, 69.8%)*

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SPRING FOOTBALL PRACTICE DATES:

March 19, 21, 23, 26, 28, 30
 April 2, 4, 6, 9, 11, 13, 16, 18, 20

All practices held on campus
 on Howard Jones Field/Brian Kennedy Field,
 except the April 20 Spring Game
 at the Coliseum

Practice times:
 Weekdays at 2:35 p.m. PT or 5:30 a.m. PT
 Weekends at 10:05 a.m. PT
 Spring Game at 12 p.m. PT

Spring Game televised live on Pac-12 Network
 (Schedule subject to change)

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2024 USC SPRING FOOTBALL OUTLOOK

The tone has been set for the 2024 USC football season. But first, let's rewind back to December of 2023...

After the 2023 regular season came to a conclusion, the Trojans were presented with a unique opportunity. USC was scheduled to play No. 15 Louisville in the Holiday Bowl in San Diego, and the Trojans who elected to play in the bowl game banded together with the mindset of "new team, one game".

USC's moxie revealed itself on national television as the Trojans defeated the Cardinals 42-28.

In the modern era of college football where instantaneous gratification is demanded and where patience is not often a virtue, USC QB Miller Moss changed the narrative. After backing up Caleb Williams (the 2022 Heisman Trophy winner) for two seasons who chose to opt out of the bowl game, Moss went 23-of-33 for 372 yards and 6 TDs in his first USC start.

Moss, who was named the Holiday Bowl Offensive MVP, gave the nation a preview of what was to come in the 2024 season and proved that values like hard work and loyalty are not to be overlooked. With his 6 TD passes thrown, Moss now holds the record for most TD passes thrown in a Holiday Bowl, most TD passes thrown in a USC bowl game, most TD passes thrown by a USC QB in his first Trojan start and tied the Pac-12 Bowl Game passing TD record.

USC fans saw glimpses of greatness from the young bucks of the program: WRs Ja'Kobi Lane, Duce Robinson, Makai Lemon and Zachariah Branch, as well as steadiness from veterans like Holiday Bowl Defensive MVP Jaylin Smith and Bear Alexander. The energy around the program was revitalized as the Trojans stood underneath the celebratory fireworks in Petco Park, but there was still work to be done.

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One of the more popular tools these days for New Year's resolutions is a vision board. Vision boards give tangibility to our goals, allow us to think deeply about our desires and manifest them into reality.

USC head coach Lincoln Riley created his own version of a vision board when manifesting his ultimate defensive coaching staff.

"We rolled a whiteboard into my office, and we said our goal was to find the right coordinator, and then we wanted to find the best developers. Who do we think are the best developers of defensive talent, culture, all of that," said Riley. "We ended up with seven names on the board. And it was the dream list -- if you could get anyone, who would it be? And we ended up hiring four of those seven. So we batted a pretty decent percentage."

The Trojans welcomed Defensive Coordinator D'Anton Lynn who previously held the same role at UCLA and has also coached in the NFL. Lynn completely transformed the Bruin defense

elevating UCLA's defense from ranking No. 87 in 2022 to finishing the 2023 regular season ranked No. 11 in the nation. Former Los Angeles Rams defensive line coach Eric Henderson was named Co-Defensive Coordinator/Run Game Coordinator/Defensive Line Coach. A Super Bowl Champion and award-winning coach, Henderson brings his philosophy of "Dawg Work": discipline, attitude, work ethic and grit, to establish a new culture in the defensive line room. Matt Entz, a two-time FCS national championship winning head coach at North Dakota State was named Assistant Head Coach for Defense/Linebackers Coach. The two-time FCS National Coach of the Year brings a unique perspective to the defensive staff. Houston's former defensive coordinator Doug Belk was welcomed to Troy as the Secondary Coach. Belk has been considered one of the biggest rising stars in college football's coaching landscape, and every new member of USC's defensive staff has either been a defensive coordinator or a head coach.

After Kiel McDonald took a new job with the Los Angeles Chargers, USC hired former TCU running backs coach Anthony Jones Jr. as Running Backs Coach/Run Game Coordinator. He worked side-by-side with former TCU offensive coordinator Garrett Riley (Lincoln's brother) and helped to coach the Horned Frogs to the 2022 College Football Playoff National Championship.

2024 SCHEDULE

A new era begins for the Trojans as USC enters the Big Ten Conference -- new opponents, new stadiums and a Rose Bowl matchup every weekend.

The Trojans will play six home games in 2024. Troy will welcome league opponents Wisconsin, Penn State, Rutgers and Nebraska to the Coliseum as well as non-conference foes Utah State and Notre Dame. USC will visit Michigan, Minnesota, Maryland, Washington and UCLA on the road. The Trojans will open the 2024 season with a neutral site game against LSU at Allegiant Stadium in Las Vegas.

USC will have byes on Sept 14 and Nov. 9.

Coming out with a bang, the Trojans face traditional powerhouse **LSU** in the Vegas Kickoff Classic on Sept 1. It will be just the third meeting between LSU and USC in football. USC won the first meeting between the teams in what is considered one of the greatest games ever played in Tiger Stadium by a 17-12 count in 1979. LSU won the rematch in Los Angeles at the Coliseum in 1984 by a 23-3 margin.

USC returns to Los Angeles for its home opener against **Utah State** on Sept. 7. The Trojans' inaugural Big Ten matchup will be in the Big House -- a stage worthy of such a debut. USC travels to **Michigan** (with new head coach Sherrone Moore) on Sept. 21 for this iconic game to kick off a new era of Trojan football. The Trojans are 6-4 against the Wolverines, last facing them in a 32-18 victory in the 2007 Rose Bowl. The Trojans then return home to the Coliseum to host **Wisconsin** on Sept. 28. USC holds a 6-1 record



against the Badgers, last falling to them 21-23 in the 2015 Holiday Bowl.

Another road game awaits the following week as USC visits **Minnesota** on Oct. 5. The Trojans are 6-1-1 against the Gophers, last playing them in 2011, where they earned a 19-17 victory in the Coliseum. Back at home on Oct. 12, USC challenges a familiar opponent, the **Penn State** Nittany Lions. USC is 6-4 versus Penn State, last defeating them 52-49 in 2017 in arguably one of the most iconic Rose Bowl games of all-time. The Trojans then travel back east for a first-time match up versus **Maryland** on Oct. 19. Wrapping up October, USC welcomes Rutgers, another new opponent, to the Coliseum on Oct. 26.

USC travels to **Washington** (with new head coach Jedd Fisch) on Nov. 2 for a familiar match up. USC currently holds a 51-30-4 series record over Washington, not including Troy's 2005 victory which was vacated due to NCAA penalty (original record: 52-30-4). On Nov. 16, the Trojans host **Nebraska** in the Coliseum. USC is 3-0-1 versus the Cornhuskers, last facing them in 2014, in a 45-42 victory in the Holiday Bowl. Finally, USC travels to the Rose Bowl to challenge crosstown rival **UCLA** (with new head coach DeShaun Foster) to wrap up Big Ten Conference play on Nov. 23. USC leads its series with UCLA 50-33-7, not including Troy's 2004 and 2005 victories that were vacated due to NCAA penalty (original record: 52-33-7). USC returns back to the Coliseum for its final home game of the 2024 season against **Notre Dame**. The greatest intersectional rivalry in college football will be played on Nov. 30.

The 2024 season will conclude with the annual **Big Ten Football Championship** Game on Dec. 7 at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis, which will feature the top two teams in the overall conference standings at the end of the regular season, with the winner earning the Big Ten Championship.

OFFENSE

Lincoln Riley's larger-than-life offense will continue to pose a threat for opposing defenses.

The Trojans finished the season No. 3 in the nation for scoring offense (41.8), No. 3 in team passing efficiency (170.88), No. 5 in passing offense (333.0) and No. 10 in total offense (467.6). Nine players who caught a pass last season return in 2024.

From the portal, Riley has brought in three new offensive weapons with starting experience.

Although USC's loses 2022 Heisman Trophy-winning and USC record-holding quarterback **Caleb Williams** to possibly the No. 1 pick in the 2024 NFL Draft, there is much to be excited about ahead of the upcoming season.

QUARTERBACKS

Throughout history, the USC quarterback has become a household name. This season, a new face will join the fraternity of great Trojan quarterbacks and add to the legacy.

USC fans witnessed what redshirt junior **Miller**



MILLER MOSS

Moss is capable of in the 2023 Holiday Bowl. In his 3-year career at USC, the Holiday Bowl MVP is 66-for-92 (71.7%) for 914 yards with 9 TDs and has rushed for 27 yards on 10 attempts in 12 games with 1 start. He holds the record for most TD passes thrown in a Holiday Bowl (6), most TD passes thrown in a USC bowl game (6), most TD passes thrown by a USC QB is his first Trojan start (6) and tied the Pac-12 Bowl Game passing TD record (6).

Said Riley: "After the way Miller played in the bowl game, and not just the way he played that night, but the way he handled those six weeks prior, we felt extremely confident in him and felt like there wasn't much of a need to pursue anyone that was older."

Joining the Trojans from the portal is redshirt sophomore **Jayden Maiava** from UNLV. As a redshirt freshman in 2023, Maiava led UNLV to its most wins since 1984 and a first-ever appearance in the Mountain West Championship. Maiava was named the 2023 Mountain West Freshman of the Year and the 2023 College Football Network Freshman Quarterback of the Year. He earned placement on the 2023 All-Mountain West Second Team and the 2023 Phil Steele All-Mountain West Second Team. He set the Mountain West record for Freshman of the Week honors with five.

"We wanted to add a young guy that played," said Riley. "We needed youth but also someone who could come in here and compete for the job."

Just like every position on the USC roster, QB1 will be earned; nothing is given and every day brings competition.

"We're going to let those guys duke it out," said Riley. "That's what it's all about. There's two starter level players in that room, and two guys that have proved it in different ways already. And they're both certainly going to get their shot here."

Redshirt junior **Jake Jensen** and junior **Gage Roy** also return to Riley's quarterback room.

Quarterbacks

Jake Jensen, R-Jr.
Jayden Maiava, R-So.
Miller Moss, R-Jr.
Gage Roy, Jr.

RETURNING STARTERS

OFFENSE (5)

Zachariah Branch, WR
Lake McRee, TE
Jonah Monheim, OL
Mason Murphy, OL
Emmanuel Prenon, OL

DEFENSE (6)

Bear Alexander, DL
Mason Cobb, LB
Eric Gentry, LB
Jamil Muhammad, DE
Bryson Shaw, S
Jaylin Smith, S

OTHERS WITH CAREER STARTS

Nate Clifton, DE (37) #
Akili Arnold, S (25) #
Woody Marks, RB (22) #
John Humphrey, (19) #
Jayden Maiava, QB (14) #
Easton Mascarenaws-Arnold, LB (12) #
Kamari Ramsey, S (11) #
Jaden Richardson, WR (9) #
DeCarlos Nicholson, CB (7) #
Isaiah Raikes, DE (5) #
Jacobe Covington, CB (5)
Raesjon Davis, LB (4)
Kyron Hudson, WR (3)
Tre'Quon Fegans, CB (2)
Anthony Beavers Jr., S (1)
Zion Branch, S (1)
Prophet Brown, CB (1)
Miller Moss, QB (1)
Alani Noa, OL (1)

#Starts came at school other than USC

2023 RESULTS

(8-5 overall, 5-4 for T4th place in Pac-12 regular season)

San Jose State	W, 56-28
Nevada	W, 66-14
Stanford	W, 56-10
at Arizona State	W, 42-28
at Colorado	W, 48-41
Arizona	W, 43-31 (3OT)
at Notre Dame	L, 20-48
Utah	L, 32-34
at California	W, 50-49
Washington	L, 42-52
at Oregon	L, 27-36
UCLA	L, 20-38
Louisville (Holiday Bowl)	W, 42-28

2024 SCHEDULE

Sept. 1	LSU
Sept. 7	Utah State
Sept. 21	at Michigan*
Sept. 28	Wisconsin*
Oct. 5	at Minnesota*
Oct. 12	Penn State*
Oct. 19	at Maryland*
Oct. 26	Rutgers*
Nov. 2	at Washington*
Nov. 16	Nebraska*
Nov. 23	at UCLA*
Nov. 30	Notre Dame

*Big Ten Game





KYRON HUDSON

RUNNING BACKS

USC will feel the impact of losing **MarShawn Lloyd** who looks to be one of the first backs off the board in the 2024 NFL Draft.

The running back room will be full of fresh faces looking to make a big impact. Trojan fans saw glimpses of now sophomore **Quinten Joyner** in 2023 who saw action in 6 games as a true freshman. He recorded 18 carries for 125 yards (6.9 avg.) with a long of 47 yards and scored 1 TD. He also had 1 catch for 7 yards. Redshirt freshman **A'Marion Peterson** (2 carries for 14 yards [7.0 avg.]) looks to make his mark this season.

Redshirt senior transfer **Jo'Quavious "Woody" Marks**, a record-breaking running back from Mississippi State, brings veteran experience to a youthful room. In his 4-year career at Mississippi State (2020-23), he recorded 410 carries for 1,883 yards (4.6 avg.) with a long of 52 yards and 22 TDs. He also tallied 214 receptions for 1,225 yards (4.8 avg.) with a long of 32 and 5 TDs.

Four-star recruit, freshman **Bryan Jackson**, the 2023 District 5-6A Offensive MVP out of McKinney High School in Texas, enrolled at USC in January ready for spring ball.

Running Backs

Bryan Jackson, Fr.
Quinten Joyner, So.
Jo'Quavious "Woody" Marks, R-Sr.
A'Marion Peterson, R-Fr.

WIDE RECEIVERS

While USC will be missing the exciting playmakers of **Tahj Washington** and **Brenden Rice**, the Trojan wide receiving corps will once again be a strength of the Trojan offense. With many players in the room now with a year of experience under their belt, 2024 looks to be a year of electric aerial production from some of the nation's brightest young players.

Redshirt junior **Kyron Hudson**, the most-senior of the wide receiver room, saw action in 13 games (with 3 starts) as a redshirt sophomore in 2023. He had 17 receptions for 189 yards (11.1 avg.) with a long of 33 yards and scored 2 TDs, including 1 in the Holiday Bowl victory against

Louisville. He also participated on special teams and recorded 1 tackle and 1 blocked punt.

As a sophomore in 2024, **Zachariah Branch**, a First Team All-American, will look to be an active contributor to the Trojan receiving corps as well as a thrilling returner on special teams. He had a stellar debut season as a true freshman in 2023. He is USC's first-ever true freshman First Team All-American, after being named a USA Today First Team All-American as a returner, a PFF First Team All-American as a return specialist and a Sporting News First Team All-American as a punt returner. Branch was also named to the Walter Camp All-American Second Team and the FWA All-American Second Team as a kick returner. He is the only freshman to earn placement on either of those teams. Additionally, he was named a Sports Illustrated Second Team All-American as a kick returner, a FOX Sports Second Team All-American as a kick returner, an Action Sports Second Team All-American as an all-purpose player, Phil Steele All-American Second Team as a specialist, a CBS Sports Honorable Mention All-American as a wide receiver/punt returner, a Sports Info Solutions All-American Second Teamer as a returner, a College Football News Honorable Mention Freshman All-American as a wide receiver, the College Football Network Freshman Specialist of the Year as a punt returner, a College Football Network Freshman All-American, a FWA Freshman All-American, The Athletic First Team Freshman All-American, an All-Pac-12 First Teamer as a return specialist, an All-Pac-12 Honorable Mention as an all-purpose/special teams player, AP All-Pac-12 Second Teamer, and a Phil Steele All-Pac-12 First Teamer as a punt returner. Additionally, he won the Jet Award which is presented annually to the nation's most outstanding return specialist. During the season, he was also named to The Sporting News and ESPN Midseason All-American Teams. He collected 31 catches for 320 yards (10.3 avg.) with a long of 36 yards and scored 2 TDs. Branch also rushed for 70 yards on 9 carries (7.8 avg.) with a long of 21 yards and scored 1 TD. As USC's return specialist, he tallied 442 yards on 24 kickoff returns (18.4 avg.) with a long of 96 yards and running one back for a TD. He also recorded 332 yards on 16 punt returns (30.8 avg.) with a long of 75 yards, also running one back for a TD. He saw action in 11 games (all but Colorado and Arizona) while starting 9. He is the first Trojan since Adoree' Jackson in 2016 to have a punt return and kickoff return for a TD, as well as at least one receiving TD in the same season. Jackson had 2 punt returns and 2 kickoff returns for TDs and 1 TD reception during

the 2016 season. Since 1971 (when records are available) Branch is one of just 3 USC players to accomplish the feat, joining Jackson and Curtis Conway (1992 - 1 kickoff return TD, 1 punt return TD, 5 rec TDs).

Fellow sophomores **Ja'Kobi Lane** (7 catches for 93 yards [13.3 avg.] with a long of 31 yards and 2 TDs), **Makai Lemon** (6 receptions for 88 yards [14.7 avg.] with a long of 40 yards and also saw action on defense) and **Duce Robinson** (16 receptions for 351 yards [21.9 avg.] with a long of 71 yards and 2 TDs and 1 blocked kick) will each have increased roles in 2024.

Redshirt freshman **Jaden Moore**, senior **Corey Nerhus** and redshirt junior **Josiah Zamora** also make up the USC wideout unit.

USC welcomed redshirt senior transfer **Jaden Richardson** from Tufts to Troy. In his 4-year career at Tufts (2020-23), he played in 22 games with 9 starts. As a senior in 2023, he was named to the All-NESCAC First Team and also was awarded the 2023 NESCAC Co-Offensive Player of the Year. Additionally, Richardson earned placement on the D3Football.com All-Region First Team and the D3Football.com All-American Fourth Team. He recorded 46 receptions for 830 yards (18.0 avg.) with a team-leading 13 TDs while playing and starting in all 9 games.

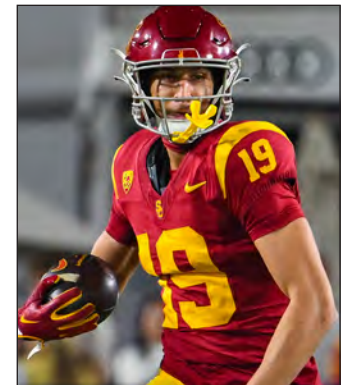
Freshman **Xavier Jordan**, one of the nation's top high school prospects, enrolled in January at USC. He was rated as the No. 4 player in the state of California by On3, No. 7 by 247 Sports, No. 9 by ESPN and No. 12 by Rivals. He was touted as the No. 13 wide receiver in the country by On3, No. 15 by ESPN, No. 16 by 247Sports and No. 20 by Rivals. He was named a 2024 Under Armour All-American, a 2024 Polynesian Bowl All-Star and was invited to compete in the 2024 NBC All-American Bowl. In his senior season at Sierra Canyon (Calif.) HS in 2023, Jordan caught just 30 passes but turned it into 600 receiving yards (20.0 avg.) and 8 TDs.

Wide Receivers

Zachariah Branch, So.
Kyrion Hudson, R-Jr.
Xavier Jordan, Fr.
Ja'Kobi Lane, So.
Makai Lemon, So.
Jaden Moore, R-Fr.
Corey Nerhus, Sr.
Jaden Richardson, R-Sr.
Duce Robinson, So.
Josiah Zamora, R-Jr.



ZACHARIAH BRANCH



DUCE ROBINSON





LAKE MCREE

TIGHT ENDS

Redshirt junior **Lake McRee** leads the tight end position group as its most experienced member. In 2023, he saw action in 12 games with 4 starts and recorded 26 catches for 262 yards (10.1 avg.) scoring 1 TD.

After moving to the offensive side of the ball to play tight end in 2023, redshirt sophomore **Carson Tabaracci** recorded 1 reception for 32 yards and 4 tackles on special teams while seeing action in 12 games in 2023. He recorded his first reception in the Holiday Bowl versus Louisville.

Redshirt freshman **Kade Eldridge**, who also saw brief action in the Holiday Bowl, and untested redshirt senior **CJ Woods** comprise the remaining Trojan tight end returners.

Freshman **Joey Olsen**, the No. 1 player in the state of Oregon, enrolled in January to participate in spring practice. He earned 2023 Oregon All-State 6A First Team and 2023 All-Three Rivers League First Team honors coming out of Lakeridge High School.

Freshman Walter Matthews, the No. 2 tight end in the nation, and freshman Walker Lyons, a 2023 Under Armour All-American who is currently serving his Mormon mission in Norway, will arrive in the fall and certainly bolster an already talented tight end room.

Tight Ends

Kade Eldridge, R-Fr.
Lake McRee, R-Jr.
Joey Olsen, Fr.
Carson Tabaracci, R-So.
CJ Woods, R-Sr.

OFFENSIVE LINE

The USC offensive line unit returns 6 Trojans who have at least 1 game of starting experience. While two-time captain **Justin Dedich**'s big personality and leadership and **Jarrett Kingston**'s wealth of experience will be missing from the trenches, fellow 2023 captain redshirt senior **Jonah Monheim** will step in as the most veteran of the group. He started all 13 games, 12 times at left tackle and 1 time at right guard. He was

named to the AP All-Pac-12 Second Team and Phil Steele All-Pac-12 Fourth Team. In 2024, Monheim will transition to center.

Redshirt senior **Emmanuel Pregon** (saw action in all 12 games with 12 starts at left guard) and redshirt junior **Mason Murphy** (played 13 games with 5 starts at right guard) return with significant palying experience.

Redshirt senior **Gino Quinones**, a 2022 starter, saw action in 2 games with 1 start before suffering a season-ending injury that sidelined him for the remainder of the 2023 season. He will be back to compete for playing time in 2024.

Sophomore **Alani Noa** (saw action in 6 games with 1 start at left guard) and redshirt freshman **Elijah Paige** (saw action in 5 games with 1 start at left tackle) each bring starting experience to the room. Noa became the first USC true freshman to start at left guard in a season opener since Toa Lobendahn started the opener at left guard in 2014 vs. Fresno State on Aug. 30. The last true freshman to start any game at left guard for USC was Courtland Ford in 2020 vs. Washington State on Dec. 6.

Other offensive linemen returning are redshirt senior **Cooper Lovelace** (saw action in 4 games), junior **Killian O'Connor** (saw action in 7 games) and redshirt freshmen **Micah Banuelos** (saw action in 1 game), **Tobias Raymond** (saw action in 2 games), **Jack Susnjar** and **Amos Talalele** (saw action in 1 game).

Freshmen **Kalolo Ta'aga** (2023 All-West Catholic Athletic League Second Team out of Bishop Riordan [Calif.] HS), **Justin Tauanuu** (2024 Polynesian Bowl All-Star from Huntington Beach [Calif.] HS) and **Jason Zandamela** (2024 Under Armour All-American from Clearwater Academy [Fla.] HS) will participate in spring ball.

Freshmen Makai Saina (2024 Under Armour All-American and a 2024 Polynesian Bowl All-Star from Martin HS [Texas] and Hayden Treter (2023 All-State 5A First Team from Cherry Creek [Colo.] HS), will join the team for summer camp.



JONAH MONHEIM



EMMANUEL PREGNON

Offensive Linemen

Micah Banuelos, R-Fr.
Cooper Lovelace, R-Sr.
Jonah Monheim, R-Sr.
Mason Murphy, R-Jr.
Killian O'Connor, Jr.
Alani Noa, So.
Elijah Paige, R-Fr.
Emmanuel Pregon, R-Sr.
Gino Quinones, R-Sr.
Tobias Raymond, R-Fr.
Jack Susnjar, R-Fr.
Kalolo Ta'aga, Fr.
Amos Talalele, R-Fr.
Justin Tauanuu, Fr.
Jason Zandamela, Fr.

DEFENSE

With the exciting new additions to the defensive coaching staff, the USC defense will have a fresh new look. Familiar faces like **DL Bear Alexander**, **DE Jamil Muhammad** and **LB Mason Cobb** return with a plethora of midyear transfers.

DEFENSIVE LINE

The Trojans lose defensive linemen **Kyon Barrs**, **Jack Sullivan** and **Solomon Byrd**, but retain other important members of the defensive trenches as well as welcome some new players, both experienced and freshmen.

Redshirt senior **DE Jamil Muhammad** returns as a leader of the defense. He saw action in all 13 games making 12 starts as a redshirt junior in 2023. He decorated his stat sheet with 46 tackles, including 10.5 for loss of 47 yards (with a team-leading 6.5 sacks for minus 41 yards), 4 QB hurries, 2 forced fumbles, 1 INT and 1 PBU.

Fellow redshirt seniors **DL Kobe Pepe** (4 tackles) and **DE Solomon Tuliaupupu** (sidelined for the 2023 season after suffering an injury during training camp) also return in 2024.

Junior **DL Bear Alexander**, a true difference maker in the trenches, will once again be a force to be reckoned with. After transferring from Georgia, he made an immediate impact by recording 48 tackles, including 6.5 for loss (with 1.5 sacks). He led the team with 4 QB hurries, 2 forced fumbles, 1 fumble recovery and 1 PBU while appearing in all 13 games and starting 12 (all except California). He was named to the

Phil Steele All-Pac-12 First Team and All-Pac-12 Honorable Mention.

Junior **DE Anthony Lucas** (10 tackles, including 3.5 for loss) returns looking to make an impact.

Sophomores **DL Elijah Hughes** (6 tackles, including 1.5 for loss [with 0.5 sacks]) and **DE Braylan Shelby** (18 tackles, including 4 for loss [with 2 sacks] and 1 fumble recovery) now have a year of experience under their belts. Redshirt sophomore **DE Devan Thompkins** (1 tackle) looks to increase his role in 2024.

Redshirt freshman **DE Sam Greene** (1 tackle) and untested junior **DE Garrett Pomerantz**, redshirt freshmen **DL Deijon Laffitte** and **DE DJ Peevy** return to gain more experience this spring.

USC received two upperclassman transfers: **DL Nate Clifton** and **DL Isaiah Raikes**. In Clifton's 5-year career at Vanderbilt (2019-23), he had 93 tackles, including 12.5 for loss (with 7.5 sacks) 3 PBUs and 1 INT while appearing in 43 games with 37 starts. Raikes transferred to USC from Texas A&M. In his 4-year career at Texas A&M (2020-23), he played in 36 games with 5 starts. He recorded 43 tackles, including 4.5 for loss (with 1.5 sacks), 1 PBU and 1 forced fumble.

Four freshmen graduated early to join the Trojan squad this spring. **DL Jide Abasiri** (2023 AP Minnesota All-State First Team, the 2023 Star Tribune All-Metro First Team out of Prior Lake [Minn.] HS), **DE Lorenzo Cowan** (2023 5A Region 1 Defensive Player of the Year out of Jenkins [Ga.] HS), **DE Kameryn Fountain** (2024 Under Armour All-American out of Booker T. Washington [Ala.] HS) and **DL Kaylon Miller** (First Team All-Marmonte League out of Calabasas [Calif.] HS).

DL Ratumana Bulabalavu (2023 All-CIF San Diego Section First Team out of Army and Navy Academy [Calif.] and DL Carlon Jones (Texas District 12-4 Division I MVP out of Bay City [Texas] HS) will join the Trojans in the summer for camp.

Defensive Line

DL Jide Abasiri, Fr.
DL Bear Alexander, Jr.
DL Nate Clifton, R-Sr.
DE Lorenzo Cowan, Fr.
DE Kameryn Fountain, Fr.
DE Sam Greene, R-Fr.
DL Elijah Hughes, So.



BEAR ALEXANDER

DL Deijon Laffitte, R-Fr.
DE Anthony Lucas, Jr.
DL Kaylon Miller, Fr.
DE Jamil Muhammad, R-Sr.
DE DJ Peevy, R-Fr.
DL Kobe Pepe, R-Sr.
DE Garrett Pomerantz, Jr.
DL Isaiah Raikes, R-Sr.
DE Braylan Shelby, So.
DE Devan Thompkins, R-So.
DE Solomon Tuliaupupu, R-Sr.

LINEBACKERS

The Trojan linebacker corps returns a group of productive defenders while adding some new faces to the room.

USC captain and redshirt senior **Mason Cobb** returns for his final season. He recorded a team-leading 85 tackles, including 7 for loss of 19 yards, 1 fumble recovery and 2 PBU while appearing in 11 games with 9 starts. He was named to the Phil Steele All-Pac-12 Second Team.

Two more returning seniors with experience are **Raesjon Davis** (18 tackles, including 0.5 for loss, and 1 QB hurry) and **Eric Gentry** (46 tackles, including 4 for loss of 16 yards [with 1 sack], 5 PBUs, 1 INT, 1 forced fumble and 1 blocked kick). They both look to continue to make an impact.

Also battling for action will be senior **Matt Galván** and redshirt sophomores **Garrison Madden** and **Roman Marchetti**.

USC welcomed transfer senior **Easton Mascarenas-Arnold**. In his 3-year career at Oregon State (2021-23), he recorded 410 carries for 1,883 yards (4.6 avg.) with a long of 52 yards and 22 TDs. He appeared in 27 games (with 12 starts).

Two freshmen, **Elijah Newby** (2023 Northeast Prep Football Conference All-League First Team out of Cheshire Academy [Conn.]) and the highly-recruited **Desman Stephens II** (U.S. Army All-American) enrolled in January ready to participate in spring ball.

Fellow freshman Jayden Walker (2023 Associated Press Division 1 & 2 All-State First Team) will join the team in the summer for camp.



MASON COBB



ERIC GENTRY

Linebackers

Mason Cobb, R-Sr.
Raesjon Davis, Sr.
S Matt Galván, Sr.
Eric Gentry, Sr.
Garrison Madden, R-So.
Roman Marchetti, Jr.
Easton Mascarenas-Arnold, Sr.
Elijah Newby, Fr.
Desman Stephens II, Fr.

DEFENSIVE BACKS

The Trojans are losing All-American safety **Calen Bullock** to the NFL Draft, but this room is thriving with veteran talent as well as youthful energy.

Redshirt senior **S Bryson Shaw**, a Holiday Bowl captain, returns as an experienced member of the secondary. He recorded 57 tackles (fourth on the team), including 2.5 for loss (with 0.5 sack) a 1 pass breakup. Redshirt senior **CB Jacob Covington** (12 tackles, including 1 for loss of 2 yards, 1 INT and 1 PBU) will also compete for action.

Senior **CB Jaylin Smith**, the Holiday Bowl Defensive MVP, looks to once again be a starter. In 2023, he recorded 75 tackles, including 5.5 for loss (with 1 sack), 1 forced fumble, 1 QB hurt and 1 PBU.

Competing for playing time will be redshirt juniors **S Anthony Beavers Jr.** (18 tackles, 1 forced fumble and 1 fumble recovery) and **CB Prophet Brown** (8 tackles).

Returning with experience are redshirt **CB Tre'Quon Fegans** (9 tackles) and sophomore **S Christian Pierce** (7 tackles). Redshirt sophomore **S Zion Branch** will be rehabbing this spring as he comes back from an injury that ended his 2023 season.

Others in the mix are untested junior **S Brandon Shepherd**, junior **S Hunter Dunn** and redshirt freshman **CB Maliki Crawford**.

USC welcomed four defensive back transfers from the portal. Redshirt senior **S Akili Arnold** arrived in January from Oregon State. In his 5-year career (2019-23), he had 151 tackles, including 5.5 for loss (with 0.5 sacks), 11 PBUs,

**JAYLIN SMITH**

3 INTs, 3 QB hurries, 2 forced fumbles and 1 fumble recovering while appearing in 48 games with 25 starts.

Redshirt senior **CB John Humphrey** and redshirt sophomore **S Kamari Ramsey** both transferred across town from UCLA. In his 4-year career at UCLA, Humphrey recorded 76 tackles, including 1 for loss, 6 PBUs, 2 INTs, 2 forced fumbles and 1 fumble recovery while appearing in 39 games with 19 starts. As a redshirt freshman in 2023, Ramsey recorded 40 tackles, including 2.5 for loss, 5 PBUs and 1 INT while appearing in 11 games with 11 starts.

Finally, redshirt senior **CB DeCarlos Nicholson** arrived at Troy from Mississippi State. In his 2-year career, he recorded 47 tackles, including 4 for loss and 3 PBUs while appearing in 25 games with 7 starts.

Additionally, three freshman joined the Trojan defensive back unit. **S Jarvis Boatwright Jr.** (2023 FACA All-District First Team out of Clearwater [Fla.] HS), **S Marquis Gallegos** (2022 CalHi Sports All-State First Team out of Sierra Canyon [Calif.]) and **CB Marcelles Williams** (2024 Polynesian Bowl All-Star and NBC All-American out of St. John Bosco [Calif.] HS) will compete this spring.

Freshmen CB Isaiah Rubin (2023 Makasi Bowl participant out of Los Alamitos [Calif.], HS) and CB Braylon Conley (2023 All-VYPE Houston First Team out of Atascocita [Texas] HS) will join the Trojans in the summer.

Defensive Backs

S Akili Arnold, R-Sr.
S Anthony Beavers Jr., R-Jr.
S Jarvis Boatwright Jr., Fr.
S Zion Branch, R-So.
CB Prophet Brown, R-Jr.
CB Maliki Crawford, R-Fr.
CB Jacobe Covington, R-Sr.
S Hunter Dunn, Jr.
CB Tre'Quon Fegans
S Marquis Gallegos, Fr.
CB John Humphrey, R-Sr.
CB DeCarlos Nicholson, R-Sr.
S Christian Pierce, So.
S Kamari Ramsey, R-So.
S Brandon Shepherd, Jr.
CB Jaylin Smith, Sr.
CB Marcelles Williams, Fr.

SPECIAL TEAMS

The Trojan special teams unit is returning most of its members and adding a transfer holder to fill a need.

PUNTERS

USC's starting punter, senior **Eddie Czaplicki** returns for another season. He averaged 43.3 yards on his 44 punts in 2023, of which 15 pinned opponents with in the 20. He also had 30 kickoffs, totaling 1,906 yards.

Also available are two untested punters: red-shirt senior **Michael McAllister** and senior **Garth White**.

PLACEKICKERS

Redshirt junior **Denis Lynch**, USC's starting placekicker will also be back in 2024. Lynch scored 95 points for the Trojans going 65-of-66 (98.4%) on extra points and 10-of-14 (71.4%) on field goals. His season and career-long was a 53-yarder against Arizona State. This was also the third-longest field goal in program history. Lynch was perfect in field goals from 40-53 yards, going 3-for-3. He also recorded 60 kickoffs totaling 3,625 yards.

Competing with Lynch will be redshirt freshman **Tyler Robles** (1-of-1 in PATs and had 3 kickoffs for 174 yards). White also can placekick.

SNAPPERS

USC welcomed redshirt junior transfer snapper **Hank Pepper**. In his 3-year career at Michigan State (2021-23), he played in 22 games as the Spartan's starting long snapper. He recorded 9 tackles and 1 fumble recovery.

Also available is untested snapper, redshirt senior **Daniel Meunier**.

KICKOFF RETURNERS

All-American **Zachariah Branch** was USC's primary kickoff returner. He tallied 442 yards on 24 kickoff returns (18.4 avg.) with a long of 96 yards and running one back for a TD.

Transfers **Jaden Richardson** and **Woody Marks**, sophomores **Quinten Joyner** and **Makai Lemon**

**BRYSON SHAW****DENIS LYNCH**

and freshman **Jarvis Boatwright Jr.** also have kickoff return experience.

PUNT RETURNERS

All-American **Zacchariah Branch** was also USC's primary punt returner. He recorded 332 yards on 16 punt returns (30.8 avg.) with a long of 75 yards, also running one back for a TD. He is the first Trojan since Adoree' Jackson in 2016 to have a punt return and kickoff return for a TD, as well as at least one receiving TD in the same season. Since 1971 (when records are available) Branch is one of just 3 USC players to accomplish the feat, joining Jackson and Curtis Conway (1992 – 1 kickoff return TD, 1 punt return TD, 5 rec TDs).

Sophomore **Makai Lemon** and freshmen **Desman Stephens II** and **Jarvis Boatwright Jr.** also have punt return experience.

Specialists

Eddie Czaplicki, Sr.
Denis Lynch, R-Jr.
Michael McAllister, R-Sr.
Daniel Meunier, R-Sr.
Hank Pepper, R-Jr.
Tyler Robles, R-Fr.
Garth White, Sr.

2024 USC SPRING FOOTBALL ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos	Hgt	Wgt	Birthday	Cl (Ath/Ac)	Exp.	Hometown (High School/JC/College)
97	ABASIRI, Jide	DL	6-5	291	3/10/06	Fr./Fr.	--	Prior Lake, Minn. (Prior Lake)
90	ALEXANDER, Bear	DL	6-3	313	10/7/03	Jr./Jr.	1V	Terrell, Texas (IMG Academy/Georgia)
0	ARNOLD, Akili	S	6-0	200	10/25/00	Sr.*/Gr.	TR	Mission Viejo, Calif. (Mission Viejo/ Oregon State)
59	BANUELOS, Micah	OL	6-2	300	12/14/04	Fr.*/So.	1V	Auburn, Wash. (Kennedy Catholic)
15	BEAVERS Jr., Anthony	S	6-1	215	9/24/02	Jr.*/Sr.	3V	Baldwin Hills, Calif. (St. Bernard)
28	BOATWRIGHT Jr., Jarvis	S	6-1	190	10/11/05	Fr./Fr.	--	Clearwater, Fla. (Clearwater)
1	BRANCH, Zachariah	WR	5-10	175	3/29/04	So./So.	1V	Las Vegas, Nev. (Bishop Gorman)
8	BRANCH, Zion	S	6-2	213	10/20/02	So.*/Jr.	1V	Las Vegas, Nev. (Bishop Gorman)
16	BROWN, Prophet	CB	5-11	191	2/3/03	Jr.*/Sr.	3V	Sacramento, Calif. (Monterey Trail)
99	CLIFTON, Nate	DL	6-4	289	7/7/01	Sr.*/Gr.	TR	Nashville, Tenn. (Brentwood Academy/ Vanderbilt)
13	COBB, Mason	LB	6-0	231	10/29/01	Sr.*/Sr.	1V	Provo, Utah (Provo/Oklahoma State)
14	COVINGTON, Jacobe	CB	6-2	203	9/13/01	Sr.*/Sr.	2V	Chandler, Ariz. (Saguaro/ Washington)
37	COWAN, Lorenzo	DE	6-3	230	8/24/06	Fr./Fr.	--	Savannah, Ga. (Jenkins)
29	CRAWFORD, Maliki	CB	6-4	183	1/19/05	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Oxnard, Calif. (Pacifica)
16	CZAPLICKI, Eddie	P	6-1	207	7/10/03	Sr./Sr.	1V	Charlotte, N.C. (Providence/Arizona State)
9	DAVIS, Raesjon	LB	6-0	220	4/11/02	Sr./Sr.	3V	Norco, Calif. (Mater Dei)
36	DUNN, Hunter	S	5-10	187	10/21/03	Jr./Jr.	SQ	Savannah, Ga. (Benedictine Military School)
88	ELDRIDGE, Kade	TE	6-4	250	10/2/04	Fr.*/So.	1V	Lynden, Wash. (Lynden Christian School)
23	FEAGANS, Tre'Quon	CB	6-1	190	9/22/02	So.*/Jr.	1V	Alabaster, Ala. (Thompson/Alabama)
49	FOUNTAIN, Kameryn	DE	6-6	256	8/4/05	Fr./Fr.	--	Mobile, Ala. (Booker T. Washington)
30	GALLEGOS, Marquis	S	6-1	181	2/10/05	Fr./Fr.	--	North Hollywood, Calif. (Sierra Canyon)
50	GALVÁN, Matt	LB	5-11	215	7/7/03	Sr./Sr.	SQ	Fullerton, Calif. (Fullerton Union/ Santa Ana College)
18	GENTRY, Eric	LB	6-6	215	5/20/03	Sr./Sr.	2V	Philadelphia, Pa. (Saints Neumann Goretti/ Arizona State)
44	GREENE, Sam	DE	6-1	250	4/15/04	Fr.*/So.	1V	Washington, D.C. (St. Frances Academy)
10	HUDSON, Kyron	WR	6-1	205	5/16/02	Jr.*/Sr.	3V	Duarte, Calif. (Mater Dei)
56	HUGHES, Elijah	DL	6-3	285	6/29/05	So./So.	1V	Arlington, Va. (Washington-Liberty)
19	HUMPHREY, John	CB	6-2	196	7/2/02	Sr.*/Gr.	TR	Pasadena, Calif. (John Muir/UCLA)
21	JACKSON, Bryan	RB	6-0	228	4/11/06	Fr./Fr.	--	McKinney, Texas (McKinney)
17	JENSEN, Jake	QB	6-1	212	2/25/01	Jr.*/Sr.	1V	Pleasant Grove, Utah (Pleasant Grove/ BYU/Contra Costa JC)
19	JORDAN, Xavier	WR	5-11	170	12/3/05	Fr./Fr.	--	Los Angeles, Calif. (Sierra Canyon)
0	JOYNER, Quinten	RB	5-11	216	3/3/05	So./So.	1V	Paige, Texas (Manor)
91	LAFFITTE, Deijon	DL	6-2	305	2/14/05	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Ontario, Calif. (Colony)
8	LANE, Ja'Kobi	WR	6-4	195	8/5/04	So./So.	1V	Mesa, Ariz. (Red Mountain)
6	LEMON, Makai	WR	5-11	190	6/2/04	So./So.	1V	Los Alamitos, Calif. (Los Alamitos)
62	LOVELACE, Cooper	OL	6-5	305	12/20/00	Sr.*/Sr.	2V	Prairie Village, Kan. (Shawnee Mission East/ Butler CC)
6	LUCAS, Anthony	DE	6-5	275	10/8/04	Jr./Jr.	1V	Scottsdale, Ariz. (Chapparral/Texas A&M)
46	LYNCH, Denis	PK	5-8	184	6/26/03	Jr.*/Sr.	2V	Newbury Park, Calif. (Newbury Park)
41	MADDEN, Garrison	LB	6-2	223	12/11/03	So.*/Jr.	1V	Hampton, Ga. (Dutchtown)
14	MAIAVA, Jayden	QB	6-4	219	4/6/03	So.*/Jr.	TR	Palolo, Hawaii. (Liberty/UNLV)
57	MARCHETTI, Roman	LB	6-2	217	12/22/03	So.*/Jr.	1V	Tustin, Calif. (Foothill)
4	MARKS, Woody	RB	5-10	208	12/29/00	Sr.*/Gr.	TR	Atlanta, Ga. (Carver/Mississippi State)
4	MASCARENAS-ARNOLD, Easton	LB	6-0	231	9/13/02	Sr./Sr.	TR	Mission Viejo, Calif. (Mission Viejo/ Oregon State)
35	McALLISTER, Michael	P	6-2	217	3/3/02	Sr.*/Sr.	SQ	Carlsbad, Calif. (La Costa Canyon)
87	McREE, Lake	TE	6-4	244	9/4/02	Jr.*/Sr.	3V	Austin, Texas (Lake Travis)
48	MEUNIER, Daniel	SNP	5-10	225	12/21/00	Sr.*/Sr.	SQ	Lynwood, Calif. (Bishop Mora Salesian/ El Camino CC)
60	MILLER, Kaylon	DL	6-0	276	1/17/05	Fr./Fr.	--	Calabasas, Calif. (Calabasas)
79	MONHEIM, Jonah	OL	6-5	305	6/7/02	Sr.*/Gr.	4V	Moorpark, Calif. (Moorpark)
82	MOORE, Jaden	WR	5-11	192	1/30/05	Fr.*/So.	SQ	La Jolla, Calif. (The Bishop's School)
7	MOSS, Miller	QB	6-1	205	3/19/02	Jr.*/Gr.	3V	Los Angeles, Calif. (Bishop Alemany)
10	MUHAMMAD, Jamil	DE	6-1	255	2/1/01	Sr.*/Gr.	1V	Madison, Ala. (James Clemens/Vanderbilt/ Georgia State)
76	MURPHY, Mason	OL	6-5	312	6/21/03	Jr.*/Sr.	2V	Riverside, Calif. (JSerra Catholic)
46	NERHUS, Corey	WR	5-9	185	6/1/01	Sr./Sr.	SQ	Huntington Beach, Calif. ((Mater Dei/ Orange Coast CC)
26	NEWBY, Elijah	LB	6-3	210	5/3/05	Fr./Fr.	--	Cheshire, Conn. (Cheshire Academy)
17	NICHOLSON, DeCarlos	CB	6-3	195	11/16/01	Sr.*/Gr.	TR	Petal, Miss. (Petal/Miss. Gulf Coast CC/ Mississippi State)



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77	NOA, Alani	OL	6-4	333	10/7/05	So./So.	1V	Sacramento, Calif. (Grant Union)
67	O'CONNOR, Kilian	OL	6-1	291	5/6/03	Jr./Jr.	1V	Ladera Ranch, Calif. (Santa Margarita Catholic)
18	OLSEN, Joey	TE	6-5	248	1/11/06	Fr./Fr.	--	Lake Oswego, Ore. (Lakeridge)
72	PAIGE, Elijah	OL	6-7	316	2/199/05	Fr.*./So.	1V	Phoenix, Ariz. (Pinnacle)
35	PEEVY, DJ	DE	6-3	256	9/21/05	Fr.*./So.	SQ	San Diego, Calif. (Lincoln)
94	PEPE, Kobe	OL	6-2	310	3/31/01	Sr.*./Sr.	3V	Long Beach, Calif. (St. John Bosco)
31	PEPPER, Hank	SNP	6-1	204	12/11/01	Jr.*./Sr.	TR	Chandler, Ariz. (Chandler/Michigan State)
22	PETERSON, A'Marion	RB	6-0	220	11/10/04	Fr.*./So.	1V	Wichita Falls, Texas (Hirschi)
24	PIERCE, Christian	S	6-1	195	11/1/04	So./So.	1V	Fontana, Calif. (Rancho Cucamonga)
39	POMERANTZ, Garrett	DE	6-2	216	10/19/03	Jr./Jr.	SQ	Las Vegas, Nev. (Bishop Gorman)
70	PREGNON, Emmanuel	OL	6-5	320	10/4/01	Sr.*./Sr.	1V	Denver, Colo. (Jefferson/Wyoming)
66	QUINONES, Gino	OL	6-3	302	4/5/00	Sr.*./Sr.	3V	Ewa Beach, Hawaii (Saint Louis)
2	RAIKES, Isaiah	OL	6-1	313	5/15/01	Sr.*./Gr.	TR	Woodbury, N.J. (St Augustine Prep/Texas A&M)
7	RAMSEY, Kamari	S	6-0	204	8/24/04	So.*./Jr.	TR	Palmdale, Calif. (Sierra Canyon/UCLA)
73	RAYMOND, Tobias	OL	6-7	314	1/25/05	Fr.*./So.	1V	Ventura, Calif. (Ventura)
15	RICHARDSON, Jaden	WR	6-1	210	8/14/02	Sr.*./Gr.	TR	San Mateo, Calif. (Menlo School/Tufts)
2	ROBINSON, Duce	WR	6-6	215	1/19/05	So./So.	1V	Phoenix, Ariz. (Pinnacle)
95	ROBLES, Tyler	PK	5-7	182	12/7/04	Fr.*./So.	1V	Encinitas, Calif. (La Costa Canyon)
28	ROY, Gage	QB	6-2	203	11/7/03	Jr./Jr.	SQ	Dallas, Texas (Jesuit Dallas)
27	SHAW, Bryson	S	6-0	190	3/29/00	Sr.*./Gr.	2V	Eldersburg, Md. (Bullis School/ Ohio State)
34	SHELBY, Braylan	DE	6-5	250	8/10/05	So./So.	1V	Friendswood, Texas (Friendswood)
45	SHEPHERD, Brandon	S	5-11	200	6/28/03	Jr./Jr.	SQ	La Cañada, Calif. (La Cañada)
1	SMITH, Jaylin	CB	5-11	190	11/5/03	Sr./Sr.	3V	Palmdale, Calif. (Bishop Alemany)
21	STEPHENS II, Desman	LB	6-3	233	7/25/06	Fr./Fr.	--	Clarkston, Mich. (Clarkston)
61	SUSNJAR, Jack	OL	6-5	315	10/9/04	Fr.*./So.	SQ	San Pedro, Calif. (Loyola)
58	TA'AGA, Kalolo	OL	6-7	293	3/24/06	Fr./Fr.	--	East Palo Alto, Calif. (Archbishop Riordan)
24	TABARACCI, Carson	TE	6-2	222	10/16/03	So.*./Jr.	1V	Park City, Utah (Park City/Utah)
75	TALALELE, Amos	OL	6-4	337	3/7/05	Fr.*./So.	SQ	Santa Clara, Calif. (Santa Clara)
74	TAUANUU, Justin	OL	6-6	305	3/15/06	Fr./Fr.	--	Huntington Beach, Calif. (Huntington Beach)
98	THOMPCKINS, Devan	DE	6-5	275	2/11/04	So.*./Jr.	2V	Stockton, Calif. (Edison)
58	TULIAUPUPU, Solomon	DE	6-3	247	3/20/00	Sr.*./Gr.	1V	Santa Ana, Calif. (Mater Dei)
98	WHITE, Garth	PK-P	6-3	206	8/18/00	Sr./Sr.	SQ	Westlake, Calif. (Oaks Christian/Ventura JC)
25	WILLIAMS, Marcelles	CB	5-10	182	9/25/05	Fr./Fr.	--	Carson, Calif. (St. John Bosco)
86	WOODS, CJ	TE	6-2	255	3/8/01	Sr.*./Sr.	SQ	Long Beach, Calif. (Brentwood School/Cal Poly/Pasadena CC)
44	ZAMORA, Josiah	WR	5-8	182	11/21/01	Jr.*./Sr.	1V	Monrovia, Calif. (Mater Dei)
71	ZANDAMELA, Jason	OL	6-3	306	9/21/05	Fr./Fr.	--	Clearwater, Fla. (Clearwater Academy)

*Used up redshirt year

HEAD COACH: Lincoln RILEY, Third Year

ASSISTANT COACHES: Doug BELK, Secondary; Matt ENTZ, Assistant Head Coach for Defense/Linebackers; Zach HANSON, Tight Ends/Assistant Head Coach for Offense; Eric HENDERSON, Co-Defensive Coordinator/Run Game Coordinator/Defensive Line; Josh HENSON, Offensive Coordinator/Offensive Line; Luke HUARD, Quarterbacks Coach; Anthony JONES Jr., Running Backs/Run Game Coordinator; D'Anton LYNN, Defensive Coordinator; Shaun NUA, Defensive Line; Dennis SIMMONS, Assistant Head Coach/Wide Receivers/Offensive Passing Game Coordinator

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0	JOYNER, Quinten	RB	5-11	216	3/3/05	So./So.	1V	Paige, Texas (Manor)
0	ARNOLD, Akili	S	6-0	200	10/25/00	Sr.*/Gr.	TR	Mission Viejo, Calif. (Mission Viejo/ Oregon State)
1	BRANCH, Zachariah	WR	5-10	175	3/29/04	So./So.	1V	Las Vegas, Nev. (Bishop Gorman)
1	SMITH, Jaylin	CB	5-11	190	11/5/03	Sr./Sr.	3V	Palmdale, Calif. (Bishop Alemany)
2	ROBINSON, Duce	WR	6-6	215	1/19/05	So./So.	1V	Phoenix, Ariz. (Pinnacle)
2	RAIKES, Isaiah	DL	6-1	313	5/15/01	Sr.*/Gr.	TR	Woodbury, N.J. (St Augustine Prep/ Texas A&M)
4	MARKS, Woody	RB	5-10	208	12/29/00	Sr.*/Gr.	TR	Atlanta, Ga. (Carver/Mississippi State)
4	MASCARENAS-ARNOLD, Easton	LB	6-0	231	9/13/02	Sr./Sr.	TR	Mission Viejo, Calif. (Mission Viejo/ Oregon State)
6	LEMON, Makai	WR	5-11	190	6/2/04	So./So.	1V	Los Alamitos, Calif. (Los Alamitos)
6	LUCAS, Anthony	DE	6-5	275	10/8/04	Jr./Jr.	1V	Scottsdale, Ariz. (Chapparral/Texas A&M)
7	MOSS, Miller	QB	6-1	205	3/19/02	Jr.*/Gr.	3V	Los Angeles, Calif. (Bishop Alemany)
7	RAMSEY, Kamari	S	6-0	204	8/24/04	So.*/Jr.	TR	Palmdale, Calif. (Sierra Canyon/UCLA)
8	LANE, Ja'Kobi	WR	6-4	195	8/5/04	So./So.	1V	Mesa, Ariz. (Red Mountain)
8	BRANCH, Zion	S	6-2	213	10/20/02	So.*/Jr.	1V	Las Vegas, Nev. (Bishop Gorman)
9	DAVIS, Raesjon	LB	6-0	220	4/11/02	Sr./Sr.	3V	Norco, Calif. (Mater Dei)
10	HUDSON, Kyron	WR	6-1	205	5/16/02	Jr.*/Sr.	3V	Duarte, Calif. (Mater Dei)
10	MUHAMMAD, Jamil	DE	6-1	255	2/1/01	Sr.*/Gr.	1V	Madison, Ala. (James Clemens/Vanderbilt/ Georgia State)
13	COBB, Mason	LB	6-0	231	10/29/01	Sr.*/Sr.	1V	Provo, Utah (Provo/Oklahoma State)
14	MAIAVA, Jayden	QB	6-4	219	4/6/03	So.*/Jr.	TR	Palolo, Hawaii (Liberty/UNLV)
14	COVINGTON, Jacobe	CB	6-2	203	9/13/01	Sr.*/Sr.	2V	Chandler, Ariz. (Saguaro/ Washington)
15	RICHARDSON, Jaden	WR	6-1	210	8/14/02	Sr.*/Gr.	TR	San Mateo, Calif. (Menlo School/Tufts)
15	BEAVERS JR., Anthony	S	6-1	215	9/24/02	Jr.*/Sr.	3V	Baldwin Hills, Calif. (St. Bernard)
16	BROWN, Prophet	CB	5-11	191	2/3/03	Jr.*/Sr.	3V	Sacramento, Calif. (Monterey Trail)
16	CZAPLICKI, Eddie	P	6-1	207	7/10/03	Sr./Sr.	1V	Charlotte, N.C. (Providence/Arizona State)
17	JENSEN, Jake	QB	6-1	212	2/25/01	Jr.*/Sr.	1V	Pleasant Grove, Utah (Pleasant Grove/ BYU/Contra Costa JC)
17	NICHOLSON, DeCarlos	CB	6-3	195	11/16/01	Sr.*/Gr.	TR	Petal, Miss. (Petal/Miss. Gulf Coast CC/ Mississippi State)
18	OLSEN, Joey	TE	6-5	248	1/11/06	Fr./Fr.	--	Lake Oswego, Ore. (Lakeridge)
18	GENTRY, Eric	LB	6-6	215	5/20/03	Sr./Sr.	2V	Philadelphia, Pa. (Saints Neumann Goretti/ Arizona State)
19	JORDAN, Xavier	WR	5-11	170	12/3/05	Fr./Fr.	--	Los Angeles, Calif. (Sierra Canyon)
19	HUMPHREY, John	CB	6-2	196	7/2/02	Sr.*/Gr.	TR	Pasadena, Calif. (John Muir/UCLA)
21	JACKSON, Bryan	RB	6-0	228	4/11/06	Fr./Fr.	--	McKinney, Texas (McKinney)
21	STEPHENS II, Desman	LB	6-3	233	7/25/06	Fr./Fr.	--	Clarkston, Mich. (Clarkston)
22	PETERSON, A'Marion	RB	6-0	220	11/10/04	Fr.*/So.	1V	Wichita Falls, Texas (Hirschi)
23	FEGANS, Tre'Quon	CB	6-1	190	9/22/02	So.*/Jr.	1V	Alabaster, Ala. (Thompson/Alabama)
24	TABARACCI, Carson	TE	6-2	222	10/16/03	So.*/Jr.	1V	Park City, Utah (Park City/Utah)
24	PIERCE, Christian	S	6-1	195	11/1/04	So./So.	1V	Fontana, Calif. (Rancho Cucamonga)
25	WILLIAMS, Marcelles	CB	5-10	182	9/25/05	Fr./Fr.	--	Carson, Calif. (St. John Bosco)
26	NEWBY, Elijah	LB	6-3	210	5/3/05	Fr./Fr.	--	Cheshire, Conn. (Cheshire Academy)
27	SHAW, Bryson	S	6-0	190	3/29/00	Sr.*/Gr.	2V	Eldersburg, Md. (Bullis School/ Ohio State)
28	ROY, Gage	QB	6-2	203	11/7/03	Jr./Jr.	SQ	Dallas, Texas (Jesuit Dallas)
28	BOATWRIGHT Jr., Jarvis	S	6-1	190	10/11/05	Fr./Fr.	--	Clearwater, Fla. (Clearwater)
29	CRAWFORD, Maliki	CB	6-4	183	1/19/05	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Oxnard, Calif. (Pacifica)
30	GALLEGOS, Marquis	S	6-1	181	2/10/05	Fr./Fr.	--	North Hollywood, Calif. (Sierra Canyon)
31	PEPPER, Hank	SNP	6-1	204	12/11/01	Jr.*/Sr.	TR	Chandler, Ariz. (Chandler/Michigan State)
34	SHELBY, Braylan	DE	6-5	250	8/10/05	So./So.	1V	Friendswood, Texas (Friendswood)
35	McALLISTER, Michael	P	6-2	217	3/3/02	Sr.*/Sr.	SQ	Carlsbad, Calif. (La Costa Canyon)
35	PEEVY, DJ	DE	6-3	256	9/21/05	Fr.*/So.	SQ	San Diego, Calif. (Lincoln)
36	DUNN, Hunter	S	5-10	187	10/21/03	Jr./Jr.	SQ	Savannah, Ga. (Benedictine Military School)
37	COWAN, Lorenzo	DE	6-3	230	8/24/06	Fr./Fr.	--	Savannah, Ga. (Jenkins)
39	POMERANTZ, Garrett	DE	6-2	216	10/19/03	Jr./Jr.	SQ	Las Vegas, Nev. (Bishop Gorman)
41	MADDEN, Garrison	LB	6-2	223	12/11/03	So.*/Jr.	1V	Hampton, Ga. (Dutchtown)
44	ZAMORA, Josiah	WR	5-8	182	11/21/01	Jr.*/Sr.	1V	Monrovia, Calif. (Mater Dei)
44	GREENE, Sam	DE	6-1	250	4/15/04	Fr.*/So.	1V	Washington, D.C. (St. Frances Academy)
45	SHEPHERD, Brandon	S	5-11	200	6/28/03	Jr./Jr.	SQ	La Cañada, Calif. (La Cañada)
46	NERHUS, Corey	WR	5-9	185	6/1/01	Sr./Sr.	SQ	Huntington Beach, Calif. ((Mater Dei/ Orange Coast CC)



No.	Name	Pos	Hgt	Wgt	Birthday	Cl (Ath/Ac)	Exp.	Hometown (High School/JC/College)
46	LYNCH, Denis	PK	5-8	184	6/26/03	Jr./Sr.	2V	Newbury Park, Calif. (Newbury Park)
48	MEUNIER, Daniel	SNP	5-10	225	12/21/00	Sr./Sr.	SQ	Lynwood, Calif. (Bishop Mora Salesian/ El Camino CC)
49	FOUNTAIN, Kameryn	DE	6-6	256	8/4/05	Fr./Fr.	--	Mobile, Ala. (Booker T. Washington)
50	GALVÁN, Matt	LB	5-11	215	7/7/03	Sr./Sr.	SQ	Fullerton, Calif. (Fullerton Union/ Santa Ana College)
56	HUGHES, Elijah	OL	6-3	285	6/29/05	So./So.	1V	Arlington, Va. (Washington-Liberty)
57	MARCHETTI, Roman	LB	6-2	217	12/22/03	So./Jr.	1V	Tustin, Calif. (Foothill)
58	TA'AGA, Kalolo	OL	6-7	293	3/24/06	Fr./Fr.	--	East Palo Alto, Calif. (Archbishop Riordan)
58	TULIAUPUPU, Solomon	DE	6-3	247	3/20/00	Sr./Gr.	1V	Santa Ana, Calif. (Mater Dei)
59	BANUELOS, Micah	OL	6-2	300	12/14/04	Fr./So.	1V	Auburn, Wash. (Kennedy Catholic)
60	MILLER, Kaylon	OL	6-0	276	1/17/05	Fr./Fr.	--	Calabasas, Calif. (Calabasas)
61	SUSNJAR, Jack	OL	6-5	315	10/9/04	Fr./So.	SQ	San Pedro, Calif. (Loyola)
62	LOVELACE, Cooper	OL	6-5	305	12/20/00	Sr./Sr.	2V	Prairie Village, Kan. (Shawnee Mission East/ Butler CC)
66	QUINONES, Gino	OL	6-3	302	4/5/00	Sr./Sr.	3V	Ewa Beach, Hawaii (Saint Louis)
67	O'CONNOR, Kilian	OL	6-1	291	5/6/03	Jr./Jr.	1V	Ladera Ranch, Calif. (Santa Margarita Catholic)
70	PREGNON, Emmanuel	OL	6-5	320	10/4/01	Sr./Sr.	1V	Denver, Colo. (Jefferson/Wyoming)
71	ZANDAMELA, Jason	OL	6-3	306	9/21/05	Fr./Fr.	--	Clearwater, Fla. (Clearwater Academy)
72	PAIGE, Elijah	OL	6-7	316	2/19/05	Fr./So.	1V	Phoenix, Ariz. (Pinnacle)
73	RAYMOND, Tobias	OL	6-7	314	1/25/05	Fr./So.	1V	Ventura, Calif. (Ventura)
74	TAUANUU, Justin	OL	6-6	305	3/15/06	Fr./Fr.	--	Huntington Beach, Calif. (Huntington Beach)
75	TALALELE, Amos	OL	6-4	337	3/7/05	Fr./So.	SQ	Santa Clara, Calif. (Santa Clara)
76	MURPHY, Mason	OL	6-5	312	6/21/03	Jr./Sr.	2V	Riverside, Calif. (JSerra Catholic)
77	NOA, Alani	OL	6-4	333	10/7/05	So./So.	1V	Sacramento, Calif. (Grant Union)
79	MONHEIM, Jonah	OL	6-5	305	6/7/02	Sr./Gr.	4V	Moorpark, Calif. (Moorpark)
82	MOORE, Jaden	WR	5-11	192	1/30/05	Fr./So.	SQ	La Jolla, Calif. (The Bishop's School)
86	WOODS, CJ	TE	6-2	255	3/8/01	Sr./Sr.	SQ	Long Beach, Calif. (Brentwood School)
87	McREE, Lake	TE	6-4	244	9/4/02	Jr./Sr.	3V	Austin, Texas (Lake Travis)
88	ELDRIDGE, Kade	TE	6-4	250	10/2/04	Fr./So.	1V	Lynden, Wash. (Lynden Christian School)
90	ALEXANDER, Bear	OL	6-3	313	10/7/03	Jr./Jr.	1V	Terrell, Texas (IMG Academy/Georgia)
91	LAFFITTE, Deijon	OL	6-2	305	2/14/05	Fr./So.	SQ	Ontario, Calif. (Colony)
94	PEPE, Kobe	OL	6-2	310	3/31/01	Sr./Sr.	3V	Long Beach, Calif. (St. John Bosco)
95	ROBLES, Tyler	PK	5-7	182	12/7/04	Fr./So.	1V	Encinitas, Calif. (La Costa Canyon)
97	ABASIRI, Jide	OL	6-5	291	3/10/06	Fr./Fr.	--	Prior Lake, Minn. (Prior Lake)
98	THOMPkins, Devan	DE	6-5	275	2/11/04	So./Jr.	2V	Stockton, Calif. (Edison)
98	WHITE, Garth	PK-P	6-3	206	8/18/00	Sr./Sr.	SQ	Westlake, Calif. (Oaks Christian/Ventura JC)
99	CLIFTON, Nate	OL	6-4	289	7/7/01	Sr./Gr.	TR	Nashville, Tenn. (Brentwood Academy/ Vanderbilt)

*Used up redshirt year

HEAD COACH: Lincoln RILEY, Third Year

ASSISTANT COACHES: Doug BELK, Secondary; Matt ENTZ, Assistant Head Coach for Defense/Linebackers; Zach HANSON, Tight Ends/ Assistant Head Coach for Offense; Eric HENDERSON, Co-Defensive Coordinator/Run Game Coordinator/Defensive Line; Josh HENSON, Offensive Coordinator/Offensive Line; Luke HUARD, Quarterbacks Coach; Anthony JONES Jr., Running Backs/Run Game Coordinator; D'Anton LYNN, Defensive Coordinator; Shaun NUA, Defensive Line; Dennis SIMMONS, Assistant Head Coach/Wide Receivers/Offensive Passing Game Coordinator

DIRECTOR OF FOOTBALL SPORTS PERFORMANCE: Bennie WYLIE



2024 USC SPRING FOOTBALL SQUAD BREAKDOWN

RETURNING SQUADMEN [64]

OFFENSE [14]

Zachariah Branch, WR (9)
 Kyron Hudson, WR (3)
 Quinten Joyner, RB
 Ja'Kobi Lane, WR
 Makai Lemon, WR
 Lake McRee, TE (7)
 Jonah Monheim, OL (34)
 Miller Moss, QB (1)
 Mason Murphy, OL (10)
 Alani Noa, OL (1)
 Kilian O'Connor, OL
 Emmanuel Pregonon, OL (12)
 Duce Robinson, WR
 Carson Tabaracci, TE

DEFENSE [16]

Bear Alexander, DL (12)
 Anthony Beavers Jr., S (1)
 Zion Branch, S (1)
 Prophet Brown, CB (1)
 Mason Cobb, LB (22)
 Jacobe Covington, CB (5)
 Raesjon Davis, LB (4)
 Tre'Quon Fegans, CB (2)
 Eric Gentry, LB (15)
 Elijah Hughes, DL
 Anthony Lucas, DL
 Jamil Muhammad, DE (22)
 Christian Pierce, S
 Bryson Shaw, S (20)
 Braylan Shelby, DE
 Jaylin Smith, S (22)

SPECIAL TEAMS [2]

Eddie Czaplicki, PK/P
 Denis Lynch, PK

Devan Thompkins, DL
 Solomon Tuliaupupu, DL
 Garth White, PK/P
 CJ Woods, TE
 Josiah Zamora, WR

SPRING 2024 ENROLLEES [26]

OFFENSE [9]

Bryan Jackson, RB
 Xavier Jordan, WR
 Jayden Maiava, QB # (14)
 Jo'Quavious Marks, RB # (32)
 Joey Olsen, TE
 Jaden Richardson, WR # (9)
 Kalolo Ta'aga, OL
 Justin Tauanuu, OL
 Jason Zandamela, OL

DEFENSE [16]

Jide Abasiri, DL #
 Akili Arnold, S # (25)
 Jarvis Boarwright Jr., S
 Nate Clifton, DE # (37)
 Lorenzo Cowan, DE
 Kameryn Fountain, DE
 Marquis Gallegos, S
 John Humphrey, CB # (19)
 Easton Mascarenas-Arnold, LB # (12)
 Kaylor Miller, DL
 Elijah Newby, LB
 DeCarlos Nicholson, CB # (7)
 Isaiah Raikes, DE # (5)
 Kamari Ramsey, S # (11)
 Desman Stephens II, LB
 Marcelles Williams, CB

SPECIAL TEAMS [1]

Hank Pepper, SNP #

SQUADMEN LOST [50]

OFFENSE [22]

Darwin Barlow, RB
 Raleek Brown, WR
 Matt Colombo, RB
 Justin Dedich, OL
 Andres Dewerk, OL
 Michael Jackson III, WR
 Austin Jones, RB
 Jarrett Kingston, OL
 MarShawn Lloyd, RB
 Andrew Milek, OL
 Malachi Nelson, QB
 Luke Otte, TE
 Brenden Rice, WR
 Ty Shamblin, WR
 Dorian Singer, WR
 Michael Tarquin, OL
 Grant Tucker, OL
 Isaac Ward, QB
 Tahj Washington, WR
 Caleb Williams, QB
 Mario Williams, WR
 Jude Wolfe, TE

DEFENSE [24]

Austin Allen, CB
 Sinjun Astani, DL
 Kyon Barrs, DL
 De'jon Benton, DL
 Theo Bravos, ILB
 Calen Bullock, S
 Solomon Byrd, RUSH
 Tackett Curtis, ILB
 Korey Foreman, DL
 Xamarion Gordon, S
 Romello Height, RUSH
 Domani Jackson, CB
 Daniel Jimenez-Fulton, S
 Shane Lee, ILB
 Deuce Palmer, ILB
 Christian Roland-Wallace, CB
 Fabian Ross, CB
 L Simpson, CB
 Jack Sullivan, DL
 Tyrone Taleni, DL
 Stanley Ta'ufo'ou, DL
 Chris Thompson Jr., ILB
 Max Williams, S
 Ceyair Wright, CB

SPECIAL TEAMS [4]

Jac Casasante, SNP
 Will Rose, P
 Aady Sleep-Dalton, P
 Nathan Weneta, SNP

Number of career starts in (parenthesis)
 # Midyear Transfer

REDSHIRTS/SQUADMEN: 4 REGULAR SEASON

GAMES OR LESS [32]

Micah Banuelos, OL
 Maliki Crawford, CB
 Hunter Dunn, S
 Kade Eldridge, TE
 Matt Galván, S
 Sam Greene, DE
 Jake Jensen, QB
 Deijon Laffitte, DL
 Cooper Lovelace, OL
 Garrison Madden, LB
 Roman Marchetti, LB
 Michael McAllister, P
 Daniel Meunier, SNP
 Jaden Moore, WR
 Corey Nerhus, WR
 Elijah Paige, OL (1)
 DJ Peevy, DE
 Kobe Pepe, DL
 A'Marion Peterson, RB
 Garrett Pomerantz, DE
 Gino Quinones, OL (2)
 Tobias Raymond, OL
 Tyler Robles, PK
 Gage Roy, QB
 Brandon Shepherd, S
 Jack Susnjar, OL
 Amos Talalele, OL



2024 USC SPRING FOOTBALL PLAYER BIOGRAPHIES

[Class years are listed athletically/academically, with "*" indicating player who has used up redshirt year]

[90] BEAR ALEXANDER

**Defensive Lineman, 6-3, 313, Jr./Sr.
Terrell, Texas (IMG Academy/Georgia)**

CAREER: In his 2-year collegiate career (1 year at Georgia, 1 year at USC), he has 57 tackles, including 9.5 for loss (with 3.5 sacks), 16 QB hurries and 6 PBUs while appearing in 25 games (with 12 starts).

2024: Alexander will once again be a force to be reckoned with in the trenches on the defensive line as a junior in 2024.

2023: Alexander, who transferred to USC in the fall of 2023 from Georgia, made an immediate impact by bolstering the Trojan defensive line. He recorded 48 tackles, including 6.5 for loss (with 1.5 sacks). He led the team with 4 QB hurries, 2 forced fumbles, 1 fumble recovery and 1 PBU while appearing in all 13 games and starting 12 (all except California). He was named to the **Phil Steele All-Pac-12 First Team and All-Pac-12 Honorable Mention**.

He recorded 1 tackle, including 0.5 for loss of 11 yards (with 0.5 sack for minus 11 yards) and 1 PBU against San Jose State, and notched 4 tackles, including 0.5 for loss of 1 yard against Nevada. He had 2 tackles and 1 PBU versus Stanford, and then posted 5 tackles, including 1.5 for loss of 9 yards (with 1 sack for minus 8 yards) and 1 QB hurry against Arizona State. He tallied 2 tackles against Colorado and 4 tackles, 1 PBU and 1 QB hurry against Arizona. He collected 6 tackles, including 1 for loss of 1 yard and 1 QB hurry against Utah and has 2 tackles, including 1 for loss of 1 yard and 1 PBU versus California. He had 6 tackles, including 1 for loss of 6 yards, against Washington, and recorded 6 tackles against both Oregon and UCLA (where he co-led the team in tackles). He collected 4 tackles, including 1 for loss of 2 yards in the Holiday Bowl against Louisville.

GEORGIA: Alexander saw action in 12 of 15 games and recorded 9 total stops, including 2 QB sacks, and 13 QB hurries. He had 2 tackles for loss and a sack in Georgia's 65-7 win over TCU in the National Championship Game.

HIGH SCHOOL: He attended IMG Academy and was selected to play in **2022 Under Armour All-America Game**. He helped lead IMG Academy to 9-1 record in 2021 during his senior season.

He helped lead Denton Ryan HS to Texas 5A Division I state championship after joining team late in the 2020 season. He posted seven tackles in three games for Raiders in his junior year.

He began his career at Terrell (Texas) HS in 2018 during his freshman season. He amassed 58 tackles, one sack, forced one fumble and recovered two, earning **Texas District 8-5A Defensive Newcomer of the Year** honors.

PERSONAL: He is majoring in Communication at USC.

[0] AKILI ARNOLD
Safety, 6-0, 200, Sr.*/Gr.
**Mission Viego, Calif. (Mission Viego HS/
Oregon State)**

CAREER: In his 5-year career at Oregon State (2019-23), he had 151 tackles, including 5.5 for loss (with 0.5 sacks), 11 PBUs, 3 INTs, 3 QB hurries, 2 forced fumbles and 1 fumble recovering while appearing in 48 games with 25 starts.

2024: Arnold, an experienced safety who transferred to USC in the spring of 2024 from Oregon State, looks to compete for time in the Trojan secondary as a redshirt senior, with one year of eligibility remaining.

OREGON STATE: As a redshirt senior in 2023, Arnold recorded 60 tackles, including 2 for loss of 6 yards (with 0.5 sack for minus 4 yards), 6 PBUs, 2 INTs, 2 QB hurries and 1 fumble recovery while appearing in and starting 11 games (all except Oregon and Notre Dame). He had a career-best 10 tackles against UCLA and recorded an INT in the same game.

As a redshirt junior in 2022, he tallied 12 tackles and 1 fumble recovery while appearing in 13 games and starting 2 (Fresno State and Arizona State).

Arnold tallied 31 tackles, including 1 for loss of 2 yards, 3 PBUs, 1 INT and 1 QB hurry while appearing in 13 games and starting 5 (California, Colorado, Stanford, Oregon and Utah State) as a redshirt sophomore in 2021.

As a redshirt freshman in 2020, he had 30 tackles, including 2 for loss of 4 yards, 1 PBU and 1 forced fumble while appearing in all 7 games and starting in 6 games of the shortened COVID-19 season.

Arnold totaled 17 tackles, including 0.5 for loss of 1 yard while appearing in 4 games and starting 1 as a freshman in 2019.

HIGH SCHOOL: Arnold was ranked amongst the top 100 players in the state of California by 247Sports and competed in the **2019 Polynesian Bowl**.

He was named the **2018 County Defensive Player of the Year** by the Orange County Register and the **Offensive MVP of the South Coast League** as a senior at Mission Viego in 2018. He recorded 32 tackles, adding 7 INTs for 176 return yards and 6 PBUs. Offensively, he caught 53 passes for 870 yards and 7 TDs. He was also credited with 236 kick return yards and 143 punt return yards.



ANTHONY BEAVERS JR.

As a junior in 2017, he helped the Diablos to a 12-1 record, making 25 tackles with 2 INTs and 2 PBUs. Offensively, he ran the ball 157 times for 1,467 yards and 14 TDs and finished the season with eight 100-yard games.

Arnold also competed in track and field in the 100 and the 4x100.

PERSONAL: He earned his bachelor's degree in Public Health from Oregon State in 2023. He is currently pursuing a certificate in Gerontology at USC. His brother Eason Mascarenas-Arnold is also on the USC football team.

[59] MICAH BANUELOS
Offensive Lineman, 6-2, 300, Fr.*/So.
Auburn, Wash. (Kennedy Catholic HS)

2024: Banuelos will compete for playing time on the offensive line as a redshirt freshman in 2024.

2023: He saw action in 1 game (Stanford) as a first-year freshman in 2023.

HIGH SCHOOL: He made the **2023 PrepStar All-Western Region** as he saw significant snaps on both sides of the ball as a senior at Kennedy Catholic (Wash.) HS. Banuelos was the **2022 Washington 4A NPSL Offensive Lineman of the Year** and was named to the **4A NPSL First Team** as a senior defensive lineman. He was selected to play in **2023 Under Armour All-America Game** as an offensive lineman for Team Phantom.

He helped Kennedy Catholic reach the 2022 Washington 4A State Championship Game. He primarily played left tackle and defensive tackle as a 2021 junior.

He played on both the offensive and defensive lines on varsity as a freshman.

PERSONAL: He is majoring in Communication at USC.

[15] ANTHONY BEAVERS JR.
Safety, 6-1, 215, Jr.*/Sr.
Baldwin Hills, Calif. (St. Bernard HS)

CAREER: In his 3-year career, he has 30 tackles (1.5 for losses) while appearing in 24 games with 1 start.

2024: Beavers looks to compete for playing time at safety as a redshirt junior in 2024.

2023: Beavers recorded 18 tackles, 1 forced fumble and 1 fumble recovery as a redshirt sophomore while appearing in 12 games with 1 start (Holiday Bowl versus Louisville) in 2023.

He had 1 tackle against San Jose State and 3 tackles and 1 fumble recovery versus Stanford. He tallied 1 tackle against Arizona State, 2 tackles versus Oregon and 6 tackles against UCLA. He recorded 5 tackles and 1 forced fumble in the Holiday Bowl against Louisville.

2022: Beavers saw action in 14 games as a redshirt freshman safety in 2022. He accumulated 12 tackles, including 1.5 for loss of 2 yards.

He had 3 tackles, including 1.5 for loss at Stanford. He tallied 4 tackles against Fresno State., He had 2 tackles against Washington



State. He recorded 2 tackles against Colorado. He had 1 tackle in the Cotton Bowl against Tulane.

2021: Beavers, who enrolled at USC in the spring of 2021 after graduating a semester early from high school, saw action at safety in 2 games (Washington State, California) as a first-year freshman in 2021. He did not make a tackle. He was named **USC's Co-Defensive Service Team Player of the Year**.

HIGH SCHOOL: He made the **2020 PrepStar Dream Team**. He transferred to St. Bernard High in Playa del Rey (Calif.) in 2020.

As a 2019 junior at Narbonne High in Harbor City (Calif.), he had 13 tackles (2 for a loss), 1 interception, 3 deflections, a fumble recovery and a forced fumble.

As a sophomore in 2018 at Serra High in Gardena (Calif.), he made **Cal-Hi Sports All-State Sophomores first team** when he had 70 tackles (1 for a loss), 1 interception, 3 deflections and a forced fumble.

As a freshman, he made the **2017 Max Preps Freshman All-American second team** as he had 8 tackles as a 2017 freshman and also caught an 8-yard pass.

PERSONAL: He is majoring in Psychology at USC with a minor in Occupational Science. He was in the Netflix show "Coach Snoop," about rapper Snoop Dogg and his Snoop Youth Football League.

(1) ZACHARIAH BRANCH
Wide Receiver, 5-10, 175, So./So.
Las Vegas, Nev. (Bishop Gorman HS)

2024: Branch, a First Team All-American, will look to be an active contributor to the Trojan receiving corps as well as an electric returner on special teams as a sophomore in 2024.

2023: Branch had a stellar debut season as a true freshman in 2023. He is **USC's first-ever true freshman First Team All-American**, after being named a **USA Today First Team All-American** as a returner, a **PFF First Team All-American** as a return specialist and a **Sporting News First Team All-American** as a punt returner. Branch was also named to the **Walter Camp All-American Second Team** and the **FWAA All-American Second Team** as a kick returner. He is the only freshman to earn placement on either of those teams. Additionally, he was named a **Sports Illustrated Second Team All-American** as a kick returner, a **FOX Sports Second Team All-American** as a kick returner, an **Action Sports Second Team All-American** as an all-purpose player, **Phil Steele All-American Second Team** as a specialist, a **CBS Sports Honorable Mention All-American** as a wide receiver/punt returner, a **Sports Info Solutions All-American Second Teamer** as a returner, a **College Football News Honorable Mention Freshman All-American** as a wide receiver, the **College Football Network Freshman Specialist of the Year** as a punt returner, a **College Football Network Freshman All-American**, a **FWAA Freshman All-American**, **The Athletic First Team Freshman All-American**, an **All-Pac-12 First Teamer** as a return specialist, an **All-Pac-12 Honorable Mention** as an all-purpose/special teams player, **AP All-Pac-12 Second Teamer**, and a **Phil Steele All-Pac-12 First Teamer** as a punt

returner. Additionally, he won the **Jet Award** which is presented annually to the nation's most outstanding return specialist. During the season, he was also named to **The Sporting News** and **ESPN Midseason All-American Teams**. He collected 31 catches for 320 yards (10.3 avg.) with a long of 36 yards and scored 2 TDs. Branch also rushed for 70 yards on 9 carries (7.8 avg.) with a long of 21 yards and scored 1 TD. As USC's return specialist, he tallied 442 yards on 24 kickoff returns (18.4 avg.) with a long of 96 yards and running one back for a TD. He also recorded 332 yards on 16 punt returns (30.8 avg.) with a long of 75 yards, also running one back for a TD. He saw action in 11 games (all but Colorado and Arizona) while starting 9. He is the first Trojan since Adoree' Jackson in 2016 to have a punt return and kickoff return for a TD, as well as at least one receiving TD in the same season. Jackson had 2 punt returns and 2 kickoff returns for TDs and 1 TD reception during the 2016 season. Since 1971 (when records are available) Branch is one of just 3 USC players to accomplish the feat, joining Jackson and Curtis Conway (1992 – 1 kickoff return TD, 1 punt return TD, 5 rec TDs).

In his USC debut, Branch tallied a team-leading 4 receptions for 58 yards with 1 TD, 1 carry for 12 rushing yards and 1 kickoff return for 96 yards which resulted in a TD against San Jose State. He had 1 reception for 22 yards with 1 TD, 2 kickoff returns for 29 yards and 1 punt return for 12 yards versus Nevada. He earned placement on the **Paul Hornung Award Honor Roll** for his performance. He collected 4 receptions for 30 yards, had 1 carry for 2 yards and 3 punt returns for 80 yards, including 1 punt return for a 75-yard TD against Stanford. He was named the **Pac-12 Special Teams Player of the Week**. He had 4 receptions for 68 yards, 1 carry for 17 rushing yards, 3 kickoff returns for 46 yards and 1 tackle on special teams against Arizona State. He notched 2 receptions for 17 yards, 2 carries for 17 rushing yards, 3 kickoff returns for 46 yards and 4 punt returns for 86 yards against Notre Dame. He posted 1 reception for 2 yards, 1 carry for 1 rushing yard, 5 kickoff returns for 93 yards and 3 punt returns for 59 yards against Utah. He recorded 1 reception for 26 yards, 3 kickoff returns for 22 yards and 2 punt return for 6 yards against California. He notched 3 receptions for 16 yards and 3 kickoff returns for 43 yards against Washington. He tallied 4 receptions for 21 yards, 1 carry for 21 rushing yards and 2 kickoff returns for 15 yards versus Oregon. He collected 5 receptions for 51 yards, 1 carry for no gain, and 2 kickoff returns for 52 yards against UCLA. He had 2 receptions for 9

yards, 1 carry for no gain and 1 punt return for 23 yards in the Holiday Bowl against Louisville.

TRACK & FIELD: Branch also competes on the USC track team.

HIGH SCHOOL: Branch tallied 753 yards on 45 receptions with 11 TDs and recorded 5 punt returns for 90 yards (18.0 avg.) as a senior wide receiver at Bishop Gorman (Nev.). He competed in the **2023 Under Armour All-American Game** where he was be a team captain. He was also chosen to play in the **2023 Polynesian Bowl**. He was named to the **2022 Nevada Preps All-Southern Nevada First Team** after helping the Gaels win the **Class 5A state title**.

As a junior, he helped Bishop Gorman get to the **Nevada 5A state championship** and collected 1,094 yards on 48 receptions with 14 TDs. He also rushed for 5 yards on 1 carry and returned 2 punts for TDs. Branch was named the **2021 MaxPreps Nevada Player of the Year** and earned placement on the **2021 MaxPreps Junior All-American First Team**, the **2021 MaxPreps California All-State First Team** and the **2021 Nevada Preps All-Southern Nevada First Team**.

In an abbreviated two-game sophomore season in the spring of 2021, he caught 7 passes for 134 yards with 4 TDs. He played in 9 games as a freshman and caught 18 passes for 391 yards and 4 TDs and rushed for 5 yards on 1 carry. He also tallied 2 kickoff returns for 43 yards (21.5 avg.).

Branch also competed in track and field. He was the **Nevada Southern 5A Regional champion** in the 100 meters, 200 meters and long jump as a sophomore in 2021 when he ran a 10.33 100 and a wind-aided 21.01 200. He long jumped a personal-best 24-0 and triple jumped 46-4.25, which was the state's best leap of the season.

Current Trojans Zion Branch and Garrett Pomerantz also prepped at Bishop Gorman.

PERSONAL: He is majoring in Communication at USC. His brother, Zion, is also a member of the USC football team. His great-uncle, Cliff Branch, is a former Raiders wide receiver who was enshrined into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio in August. His father, Shéva, played fullback for San Jose State.

(8) ZION BRANCH
Safety, 6-2, 213, So.*/Jr.
Las Vegas, Nev. (Bishop Gorman HS)

2024: Branch looks to return to the field to compete for playing time at safety as a redshirt sophomore in 2024.

2023: Branch recorded 22 tackles, including 1 for loss of 12 yards and 1 forced fumble while playing in 9 games with 1 start (California) before suffering a season-ending lower body injury as a redshirt freshman in 2023.

He had 1 tackle against San Jose State and 3 tackles against Nevada. He decorated his stat sheet with 3 tackles, including 1 for loss of 12 yards and 1 forced fumble against Stanford. He collected 1 tackle versus both Colorado and Arizona. He recorded 4 tackles against Notre Dame, a career-high 6 tackles versus Utah and 3 tackles against California.

2022: Branch redshirted in 2022 due to a season-ending lower body injury that occurred



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in fall camp.

HIGH SCHOOL: He made **2021 PrepStar Dream Team** and **Nevada Preps All-Southern Nevada first team** as he had 42 tackles, including 2 for losses, and 7 deflections as a senior safety at Bishop Gorman High in Las Vegas (Nev.). Bishop Gorman won the 2021 state Class 5A championship.

As a 2019 sophomore, he had 29 tackles, 5 interceptions with a TD, a fumble recovery, a deflection and a blocked field goal on defense and he returned 2 kickoffs for 49 yards (24.5 avg) and had a punt return for 15 yards (15.0 avg).

As a 2018 freshman, he made 38 tackles, 3 deflections and an interception, plus he had a kickoff return for 38 yards (38.0 avg). Current Trojans Zachariah Branch and Garrett Pomerantz also prepped at Bishop Gorman.

PERSONAL: He is majoring in Psychology at USC. His brother, Zachariah, is currently a sophomore on the USC football team. His great uncle is the late Cliff Branch, the legendary receiver who played at Colorado and then 15 years with the Oakland/Los Angeles Raiders (where he won 3 Super Bowls and made 4 Pro Bowls).

(16) PROPHET BROWN
Cornerback, 5-11, 191, Jr.*/Sr.
Sacramento, Calif. (Monterey Trail HS)

CAREER: In his 3-year career, he has 20 tackles and 1 PBU while appearing in 26 games with 1 start.

2024: Brown looks to compete for playing time among the cornerbacks as a redshirt junior in 2024.

2023: Brown saw action in 9 games with 1 start (Holiday Bowl versus Louisville) as a redshirt sophomore in 2023. He totaled 8 tackles throughout the season and contributed on special teams. He had 1 tackle and 1 PBU against Arizona. He recorded 1 tackle against both Oregon and UCLA. He collected a career-high 5 tackles in the Holiday Bowl against Louisville.

2022: Brown saw action in 13 games (all but Stanford) as a redshirt freshman, in 2022. He tallied a total of 5 tackles. Brown also contributed to special teams on the kickoff return unit. He had 1 tackle against Fresno State and 1 tackle against Oregon State. He made 1 tackle at Arizona and had 1 tackle against Colorado. He recorded 1 tackle at UCLA.

2021: Brown saw action in 4 games (Washington State, Utah, Notre Dame, California) and started once (at California) as a first-year freshman cornerback in 2021. Overall in 2021, he made 7 tackles (1 each against Utah and Notre Dame and 5 at California).

HIGH SCHOOL: He made the **2020 PrepStar Dream Team** and **Southern California News Group Fab 15 second team** as a senior cornerback and running back at Monterey Trail High in Elk Grove (Calif.).

As a 2019 junior, he was **Cal-Hi Sports All-State Juniors first team** when he ran for 779 yards on 64 carries (12.2 avg) with 2 TDs, caught 17 passes for 343 yards (20.2 avg) with 5 TDs and completed 3-of-4 passes (75.0%) for 67 yards (all were TDs) on offense, had

17 tackles, 3 interceptions (1 for a TD) and 5 deflections on defense and returned 10 kickoffs for 342 yards (34.2 avg) with 1 for a TD and had a 34-yard punt. He was named **2019-20 SportStars Magazine Sac-Joaquin Male Athlete of the Year**.

As a sophomore in 2018, he had 36 carries for 551 yards (15.3 avg) with 9 TDs and caught 5 passes for 44 yards on offense, had 17 tackles (1 for a loss), an interception, 8 deflections and a fumble recovery on defense and returned 5 kickoffs for 111 yards (22.2 avg) and had 2 punt returns for 4 yards (2.0 avg).

He also played on Monterey Trail's basketball and track teams (as a sophomore, he was a member of the state champion 400-meter relay team and has personal bests of 10.90 in the 100 meters, 22.71 in the 200, 50.74 in the 400 and 21-10 in the long jump).

PERSONAL: He is majoring in Communication at USC. His nickname is Peanut Butter.

(99) NATE CLIFTON
Defensive Line, 6-4, 289, Sr.*/Gr.
Nashville, Tenn. (Brentwood HS/Vanderbilt)

CAREER: In his 5-year career at Vanderbilt (2019-23), he had 93 tackles, including 12.5 for loss (with 7.5 sacks) 3 PBUs and 1 INT while appearing in 43 games with 37 starts.

2024: Clifton, who transferred to USC in the spring of 2024 from Vanderbilt, will compete for playing time on the defensive line as a redshirt senior (with one year of eligibility remaining).

VANDERBILT: As a redshirt senior in 2023, he was selected as a team captain and recorded 30 tackles, including a team-leading 7.5 for loss (with a team-leading 5.5 sacks), 1 PBU and 1 INT. He also led the team in QB hurries (4). He saw action and started in all 12 games.

As a redshirt junior in 2022, he recorded 22 tackles, including 3 for loss (with 1 sack) and 1 PBU while seeing action and starting in all 12 games.

As a redshirt sophomore in 2021, Clifton tallied 35 tackles, including 1 for loss and 1 PBU while seeing action in 12 games and starting 10.

As a redshirt freshman in 2020, he had 6 tackles, including 1 for loss (with 1 sack) while seeing action in 7 games and starting 3.

He did not see any action as a true freshman in 2019.

HIGH SCHOOL: Clifton, a three-star recruit, was ranked the No. 34 player in the state of Tennessee by 247Sports and No. 47 by ESPN. He was touted as the No. 89 edge in the nation by 247Sports and No. 149 by ESPN. Clifton played both ways in the trenches for Brentwood Academy. He helped to lead the team to 3-straight Division II Class AAA state titles.

As a senior in 2018, he was named to **All-Region, All-County** and **All-Midstate** teams.

PERSONAL: He was named to the SEC Academic Honor roll in 2020 and 2022. He earned his bachelor's degree in Medicine, Health and Society from Vanderbilt. He is currently pursuing a certificate in Gerontology at USC.

(13) MASON COBB
Linebacker, 6-0, 231, Sr.*/Sr.
Provo, Utah (Provo HS/Oklahoma State)

CAREER: In his 4-year career (3 years at Oklahoma State, 1 at USC), he has 191 tackles, including 23.0 for losses (with 3 sacks), 2 PBUs, 1 forced fumble, 1 fumble recovery and 1 INT while appearing in 42 games with 22 starts.

2024: Cobb, an experienced veteran linebacker, will return for his final season as a redshirt senior in 2024.

2023: Cobb, who transferred to USC in the spring of 2023 from Oklahoma State, recorded a team-leading 85 tackles, including 7 for loss of 19 yards, 1 fumble recovery and 2 PBU while appearing in 11 games with 9 starts. He was named to the **Phil Steele All-Pac-12 Second Team**.

He collected 6 tackles, including 2 for loss of 7 yards against San Jose State. He had 1 tackle against Arizona State. He tallied a team-leading 13 tackles, including 2 for loss of 4 yards and a PBU against Colorado. He notched 6 tackles, including 0.5 for loss of 1 yard versus Arizona. He recorded 5 tackles against Notre Dame. He posted a team-leading 9 tackles against Utah. He once again led the Trojans with 15 tackles, including 2 for loss 7 yards, versus California. He collected 8 tackles against Washington and a team-leading 9 tackles versus Oregon. He tallied 5 tackles, including 0.5 for loss against UCLA, and 8 tackles and 1 fumble recovery in the Holiday Bowl versus Louisville.

OKLAHOMA STATE: He was named to the **All-Big-12 Second Team** as he led the Pokes in tackles and tackles for loss with 96 total tackles and 13.0 for losses as a junior linebacker in 2022. His tackles for loss marked the second-most in the Big-12. He had 11 tackles against Central Michigan, 9 tackles against Arizona State, 4 tackles (with 2 sacks) against Arkansas Pine-Bluff, 6 tackles against Baylor, 8 tackles and 1 INT for 13 yards against Texas Tech, a career-high 16 tackles against TCU, which was the most in a single game by an OSU player since Jordan Sterns had 20 tackles on Oct. 25, 2014, 7 tackles against Texas, 8 tackles against Kansas State, 3 tackles and 1 forced fumble against Kansas, 5 tackles against Iowa State, 8 tackles and 1 pass deflection against Oklahoma and 11 tackles against West Virginia.

He collected 8 tackles (with 1 sack) as a sophomore in 2021. He was named to the **Academic All-Big 12 Second Team**. He played in 14 games with 1 start and was heavily used on special teams. He had 1 tackle (with 1 sack) against Missouri State, 1 tackle against Tulsa,



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1 tackle against Baylor, 1 tackle against West Virginia, 3 tackles against TCU, 2 tackles against Texas Tech and 1 tackle against Notre Dame in the Fiesta Bowl.

He appeared in the final 5 games of the 2020 season as a freshman, primarily on special teams. He recorded 2 tackles, 1 against Baylor and 1 against Miami in the Cheez-It Bowl.

HIGH SCHOOL: As a senior, he helped lead Provo HS to a regional championship and a quarterfinal appearance in the playoffs. He recorded 118 tackles with 11 for loss (and 3 sacks) and 3 INTs and 2 fumble recoveries.

As a junior, he earned **First Team All-State** and **First Team All-District** as he tallied 119 tackles with 11 for loss and 3 INTs. Offensively, he had 38 catches for 384 yards as a tight end during his junior and senior seasons.

He also played basketball and baseball at Provo.

PERSONAL: He is majoring in Social Sciences with an emphasis in Economics at USC.

[14] JACOB COVINGTON
Cornerback, 6-2, 203, Sr./Sr.
Chandler, Ariz. (La Mirada HS/Dartmouth)

CAREER: In his 4-year career (2 years at Washington and 2 years at USC), he has 31 tackles, including 1 for loss (with a sack), 5 PBUs and 1 INT while appearing in 33 games with 5 starts.

2024: Covington will compete for playing time at cornerback as a redshirt senior in 2024.

2023: Covington saw action in 6 games while making 2 starts as a redshirt junior in 2023. He had 12 tackles, including 1 for loss of 2 yards, 1 INT and 1 PBU. He collected 2 tackles against San Jose State and 1 tackle versus Nevada. He recorded 1 tackle, including 0.5 for loss of 2 yards against Arizona State. He tallied 1 tackle against Colorado and 3 tackles, including 0.5 for loss, and 1 INT against Arizona. He recorded 4 tackles and 1 PBU in the Holiday Bowl versus Louisville.

2022: Covington tallied 14 tackles and 4 pass breakups as a redshirt sophomore defensive back in 2022 while appearing in all 14 games with 3 starts.

WASHINGTON: He appeared in all 12 games as a redshirt freshman backup cornerback and free safety at Washington in 2021. Overall in 2021, he had 5 tackles (with a sack).

He saw action in 1 game (Stanford) as a first-year freshman in 2020, but did not make a tackle.

HIGH SCHOOL: He made **2019 MaxPreps**



JACOB COVINGTON

All-Arizona first team and **Tacoma News-Tribune Western 100** as a senior safety at Saguaro High in Scottsdale (Ariz.). He had 30 tackles, including 5 for losses (with 3 sacks), plus 12 deflections, 2 forced fumbles, 2 fumble recoveries, an interception, a blocked kick and a blocked punt in 2019. Saguaro was the 2019 Arizona Open Division State runnerup.

As a 2018 junior, he had 17 tackles, including 1 for a loss, and 4 deflections, plus he had a 34-yard punt return.

He also was a sprinter on Saguaro's track team, with bests of 11.07 in the 100 meters and 22.94 in the 200 meters.

PERSONAL: He is majoring in American Popular Culture at USC.

[29] MALIKI CRAWFORD
Cornerback, 6-4, 183, Fr./So.
Oxnard, Calif. (Pacifica HS)

2024: Crawford will compete for playing time at cornerback as a redshirt freshman in 2024.

2023: Crawford redshirted as a true freshman and did not see action at cornerback in 2023. He enrolled at USC in the spring of 2022 after graduating a semester early from high school.

HIGH SCHOOL: He was named to the **2022 All-CIF Division 4 Team**, the **2022 VC Star All-Channel League First Team** and the **VC Star 1st Team All-County** as a cornerback at Pacifica (Calif.) HS. Crawford has experience playing in all three facets of the game. He also competed at the **2023 Polynesian Bowl**.

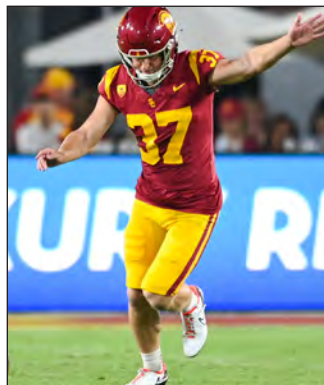
In 2021, Crawford was named the **2021 Channel League Defensive Back of the Year**, the **Pacifica HS Defensive Back of the Year** and earned placement on the **Cal-High Sports All-State Fall Football Team**, **VCFCA All County Upper Division First Team**, the **VC Star All-County First Team** and the **VCFCA All-County Academic Second Team**.

Crawford also was a sprinter on the track team where he competed in the 100-meter, 200 meter and 4x100 relay.

PERSONAL: He is majoring in Communication at USC.

[37] EDDIE CZAPLICKI
Placekicker/Punter, 6-1, 207, Sr./Sr.
Charlotte, N.C. (Providence HS/Arizona State)

CAREER: In his 3-year collegiate career (2 years and Arizona State, 1 at USC), he's handled



EDDIE CZAPLICKI

punting and kickoffs duties. He has recorded 139 punts for 6,159 yards (44.3 avg.) with a long of 75 yards and 36 going 50 yards or more. He has touchbacks on 43 of his 86 kickoffs (50.0%).

2024: Czaplicki should once again handle USC's punting duties as a senior in 2024.

2023: Czaplicki transferred to USC in the spring of 2023 from Arizona State and served as USC's punter in the 2023 season. He averaged 43.3 yards on his 44 punts in 2023, of which 15 pinned opponents with in the 20. He also had 30 kickoffs, totaling 1,906 yards. He appeared in all 13 games.

Czaplicki averaged 41.5 yards on his 2 punts against San Jose State. He averaged 42.5 yards on his 2 punts versus Nevada (with 1 pinning the Wolfpack inside the 20). Czaplicki averaged 42.2 yards on his 5 punts against Stanford (with 3 pinning the Cardinal inside the 20). He averaged 45.0 yards on his 2 punts versus Arizona State. Czaplicki averaged 47.5 yards on his 4 punts against Colorado (with 1 pinning the Buffs inside the 20). He averaged 46.4 yards on his 5 punts versus Arizona (with 1 pinning the Wildcats inside the 20). Czaplicki averaged 50.0 yards on his 3 punts against Notre Dame (with 2 pinning the Irish inside the 20). He averaged 45.3 yards on his 4 punts versus Utah. Czaplicki averaged 42.0 on his 7 punts against California (with 2 pinning the Golden Bears inside the 20). He averaged 33.5 yards on his 2 punts versus Washington (with 1 pinning the Huskies inside the 20). Czaplicki averaged 40.5 yards on his 4 punts against Oregon (with 3 pinning the Ducks inside the 20). He averaged 44.0 yards on his 2 punts versus UCLA. Czaplicki averaged 36.5 yards on his 2 punts in the Holiday Bowl against Louisville (with 1 pinning the Cardinals inside the 20).

ARIZONA STATE: He saw key action handling punting and kickoffs as a sophomore in 2022. He averaged 46.0 yards on his 50 punts in 2022, of which 15 pinned opponents within the 20, 16 traveled 50-plus yards (with a long of 75 yards) and only 5 were touchbacks, and had touchbacks on 29 of his 55 kickoffs (52.7%).

He averaged 25.0 yards on his 1 punt against Northern Arizona and 4 of his 8 kickoffs were touchbacks. He averaged 47.5 yards on his 8 punts against Oklahoma State, with a career-best long of 75 yards and pinned the Cowboys inside the 20 three times, and 1 of his 4 kickoffs were touchbacks. He averaged 51.5 yards on his 4 punts against Eastern Michigan, with a long of 72 yards and pinned the Eagles inside the 20 one time, and 1 of his 3 kickoffs was a touchback. He averaged 46.4 yards on his 5 punts against Utah, with a long of 51, and all 3 of his kickoffs were touchbacks. He averaged 38.0 yards on his 3 punts against USC with a long of 39 yards, and 2 of his 4 kickoffs were touchbacks. He averaged 41 yards on his 2 punts against Washington with a long of 45 yards and pinned the Huskies inside the 20 one time, and 6 of his 8 kickoffs were touchbacks. He averaged 41.2 yards on his 6 punts against Stanford, with a long of 59 yards and pinned the Cardinal inside the 20 three times, and 1 of his 3 kickoffs were touchbacks. He averaged 48.4 yards on his 5 punts against Colorado, with a long of 64

yards and pinned the Buffs inside the 20 once, and 4 of his 7 kickoffs were touchbacks. He averaged 44.5 yards on his 4 punts against UCLA with a long of 51 yards and pinned the Bruins inside the 20 three times, and 2 of his 7 kickoffs were touchbacks. He averaged 48.1 yards on his 7 punts against Washington State, with a long of 62 yards and pinned the Cougars inside the 20 three times, and 1 of his 2 kickoffs were touchbacks. He averaged 50.5 yards on his 4 punts against Oregon State, with a long of 56 yards, and 1 of his 2 kickoffs were touchbacks. He averaged 48 yards on his 1 punt against Arizona, and 3 of his 4 kickoffs were touchbacks.

He was ASU's punter as a true freshman in 2021. He averaged 43.2 yards on his 45 punts in 2021, of which 18 pinned opponents within the 20, 13 traveled 50-plus yards (with a long of 62 yards) and only 3 were touchbacks, and he recorded 1 kickoff.

He averaged 46.0 yards on his 2 punts against Southern Utah, with a long of 51 yards and pinned the Thunderbirds inside the 20 one time. He averaged 29.0 yards on his 2 punts against UNLV, with a long of 32 and pinned the Rebels inside the 20 twice. He averaged 48.5 yards on his 4 punts against BYU with a long of 59 and pinned the Cougars inside the 20 once. He averaged 43.5 yards on his 4 punts against Colorado with a long of 53 and pinned the Buffs inside the 20 three times. He averaged 31.7 yards on his 3 punts against UCLA with a long of 38 yards. He averaged 31.3 yards on his 3 punts against Stanford with a long of 36 yards and pinned the Cardinal inside the 20 once. He averaged 44.0 yards on his 4 punts against Utah with a long of 58 and pinned the Utes inside the 20 once. He averaged 48.0 yards on his 3 punts against Washington State with a long of 56 and pinned the Cougars inside the 20 once, and recorded 1 onside kick for 9 yards. He averaged 51.7 yards on his 3 punts against USC with a long of 54 and pinned the Trojans inside the 20 once. He averaged 45.8 yards on his 5 punts against Washington with a long of 52 and pinned the Huskies inside the 20 twice. He averaged 41.3 yards on his 4 punts against Oregon State with a long of 46 yards and pinned the Beavers inside the 20 once. He averaged 48.4 yards on his 5 punts with a long of 62 yards and pinned the Wildcats inside the 20 once. He averaged 45.3 yards on his 3 punts against Wisconsin in the Las Vegas Bowl with a long of 48 yards and pinned the Badgers inside the 20 twice.

HIGH SCHOOL: As a senior at Providence, he made 4 kicks of 40 or more yards, including 2 from 47 yards. He averaged over 40 net yards per punt, pinning the opponent inside the 20, 5 times. He launched a season-best punt of 68 yards, which was 1 of 3 punts of 50+ yards on the year.

As a sophomore, he made 8-of-9 field goals and nailed all 25 of his extra points.

PERSONAL: He is majoring in Economics at USC. He earned placement on the **2023 Pac-12 Fall Academic Honor Roll**.

(9) RAESJON DAVIS
Inside Linebacker, 6-0, 220, Sr./Sr.
Norco, Calif. (Mater Dei HS)

CAREER: In his 3-year career, he has 26 tackles, including 0.5 for loss, and 1 QB hurry while appearing in 35 games with 4 starts.

2024: Davis will compete for playing time at linebacker as a senior in 2024.

2023: Davis saw action in 11 games while making 4 starts as a junior in 2023. He had 18 tackles, including 0.5 for loss, and 1 QB hurry.

He recorded 4 tackles and 1 QB hurry against Nevada. He collected 1 tackle versus Stanford, 2 tackles against Colorado and 1 tackle versus Notre Dame. Davis tallied 4 tackles, including 0.5 for loss, against Utah. He had 2 tackles versus California and 4 tackles against Oregon.

2022: Davis recorded 8 tackles as a sophomore reserve inside linebacker in 2022 while appearing in all 14 games.

He tallied 2 tackles against Fresno State and 1 tackle against Arizona State. He had 1 tackle against Colorado and 1 tackle at UCLA. He racked up 3 tackles in the Cotton Bowl against Tulane.

2021: Davis saw action in 10 games (all but San Jose State and Arizona State) as a reserve inside linebacker and on special teams, but he did not make a tackle.

HIGH SCHOOL: He made **2020 PrepStar Dream Team** and **Southern California News Group Fab 15 first team** and **2021 Cal-Hi Sports State Player of the Year**, **MaxPreps All-State first team**, **Los Angeles Times All-Area first team**, **Orange County Register All-Orange County Defensive Player of the Year** and **All-Trinity League MVP** as a senior linebacker at Mater Dei High in Santa Ana (Calif.). In a 5-game 2021 spring season, he had 19 tackles, including 9 for losses (with a sack), plus an interception for a 20-yard TD, 3 deflections, 2 forced fumbles and a fumble recovery.

As a 2019 junior, he made **Cal-Hi Sports All-State Juniors third team**, **All-CIF Division 1**, **Los Angeles Times All-Area** and **All-Trinity League first team** when he had 43 tackles, including 16.5 for losses (with 7.5 sacks), an interception, 10 deflections, 3 fumble recoveries and a forced fumble.

In 2018 as a sophomore, he made **Cal-Hi Sports All-State Sophomores first team** and **Orange County Register All-Orange County third team** as he had 44 tackles, including 20.5 for losses (with 7.5 sacks), an interception, 5 deflections, 4 forced fumbles and a fumble recovery, plus he had a 4-yard rush.



RAESJON DAVIS

He made 4 tackles as a 2017 freshman. Current Trojans Solomon Tuliaupupu, Kyron Hudson, Josiah Zamora and Corey Nerhus also prepped at Mater Dei.

PERSONAL: He is majoring in Communication at USC.

(36) HUNTER DUNN
Safety, 5-10, 187, Jr./Jr.,
Savannah, Ga. (Benedictine Military School)

2024: Dunn will compete for playing time at safety as a junior in 2024.

2023: In Dunn's first season on the USC football team, he did not see any action at safety as a sophomore in 2023.

HIGH SCHOOL: As a senior in 2021, he had 7 tackles and 1 interception at Benedictine Military School. He also played running back, recording 89 yards on 17 carries (5.2 avg.) and 1 TD as well as 44 yards on 6 receptions (7.3 avg.).

As a junior in 2020, he recorded 18 tackles and 1 pass breakup. On offense, he rushed for 72 yards on 21 carries (3.4 avg.) and had 103 yards on 11 receptions (9.4 avg.).

As a sophomore in 2019, he tallied 6 tackles.

He also ran track at Benedictine.

PERSONAL: He is majoring in Business Administration at USC. He was named to the **2023 Pac-12 Fall Academic Honor Roll**.

(88) KADE ELDRIDGE
Tight End, 6-4, 250, Fr./So.
Lynden, Wash. (Lynden Christian School)

2024: Eldridge will compete for playing time at tight end as a redshirt freshman in 2024.

2023: Eldridge redshirted as a true freshman in 2023. He saw action in just 1 game, the Holiday Bowl versus Louisville, but did not record any stats.

HIGH SCHOOL: He made **2023 PrepStar All-Western Region**, was named the **2022 1A NWC All-Conference Defensive MVP** and was an **All-State** representative as a senior tight end at Lynden Christian (Wash.) HS. On offense, he tallied 545 yards on 72 carries for 7 TDs. Defensively, he recorded 18 tackles, including 6.5 for loss, 2 blocked kicks, 1 fumble recovery and 1 TD. He also notched 524 yards on 13 punts for Lynden in 2022. He was named to Cascadia Preps Top Performing List on Sept. 26, carrying the ball 27 times for 146 yards to help Lynden Christian to victory. He was selected as the Whatcom Preps Special Teams Player of the Week on Oct. 11 with 2 kickoff returns for 105 yards, 1 TD and 4 punts.

As a 2021 junior, Eldridge was named the **Cascadia Preps 1A Underclassman of the Year** and earned placement on the **Whatcom Preps 1A All-NWC Football Team**. He had 794 total offensive yards on 85 carries and 8 receptions, recording 10 total touchdowns. On defense, he racked up 62.5 tackles, including 15 for loss, along with 4.5 sacks, two forced fumbles and two pass deflections as a junior.

He started as a freshman at Nooksack Valley HS before transferring as a sophomore to Lynden (forced to sit out 2020 sophomore season).

A multisport athlete, Eldridge previously

played basketball and lacrosse.

PERSONAL: He is majoring in Human Biology at USC.

(23) TRE'QUON FEGANS
Cornerback, 6-1, 190, So.*/Jr.
Alabaster, Ala. (Thompson HS/Alabama)

CAREER: In his 3-year collegiate career (1 year at Alabama, 1 year at USC), he has 9 tackles while appearing in 6 games (with 2 starts).

2024: Fegans will compete for playing time in the Trojan secondary as a redshirt sophomore in 2024.

2023: Fegans transferred to USC in the fall of 2023 from Alabama and saw action in 6 games (with 2 starts) as a redshirt freshman in 2023. He recorded 9 tackles on the season. He had 1 tackle against California and had 3 versus Washington. He collected 5 tackles against Oregon.

ALABAMA: Fegans did not see action as a member of the Crimson Tide in the 2022 season.

HIGH SCHOOL: Fegans attended Thompson (Ala.) HS where he helped lead the Warriors to **three straight Alabama 7A State Championships**. Fegans was a unanimous four-star prospect and was selected to play in the **Under Armour All-America Game**.

PERSONAL: He is majoring in Communication at USC.

(50) MATT GALVÁN
Linebacker, 5-11, 215, Sr./Sr.
Fullerton, Calif. (Fullerton Union HS/Santa Ana College)

2024: Galván will compete for playing time at linebacker as a senior in 2024.

2023: In his first season on the USC football team, Galván did not see action at linebacker as a junior in 2024.

SANTA ANA COLLEGE: Galván saw action in 10 of 12 games during his freshman year in 2021 at Santa Ana College where he had 49 tackles, including 1 sack. He was named to the **2021 All-Metro-Conference First Team** and was a recipient of the team's **Blue Collar Award**, which is awarded to the player with the team's best work ethic.

HIGH SCHOOL: As a senior in 2020, he had 57 tackles, including 1 sack. On the offensive side of the ball, he recorded 192 yards on 17 carries (11.3 avg.) and scored 1 TD. He also tallied 7 receptions for 67 yards (9.6 avg.) and 1 TD.

As a junior in 2019, he recorded 45 tackles. He also played baseball at Fullerton Union HS.

PERSONAL: He is majoring in Communications with a minor in Sports Business at USC. He was named to the **2023 Pac-12 Fall Academic Honor Roll**.

(18) ERIC GENTRY
Linebacker, 6-6, 215, Sr./Sr.
Philadelphia, Pa. (Saints Neumann Goretti HS/Arizona State)

CAREER: In his 3-year career (1 year at Arizona State and 2 years at USC), he has 162 tackles, including 13 for loss (with 4 sacks), 10 PBUs, 3 QB hurries, 3 forced fumbles, 2 INTs and 1 blocked kick while appearing in 34 games with 15 starts.

2024: Gentry will look to once again be a key contributor at linebacker as a senior in 2024.

2023: Gentry saw action in 11 games (all but Nevada and Oregon) and made 3 starts. He recorded 46 tackles, including 4 for loss of 16 yards (with 1 sack), 5 PBUs, 1 INT, 1 forced fumble and 1 blocked kick.

He collected 2 tackles against San Jose State. He racked up 2 tackles versus Stanford, including 1 for loss of 1 yard, and 1 PBU. He tallied 9 tackles, including 1 for loss of 4 yards against Arizona State. He blocked a kick against Colorado. Gentry had 5 tackles versus Arizona and 2 against Utah. He decorated his stat sheet with 7 tackles, including 1 for loss of 4 yards, 3 PBUs 1 forced fumble and 1 INT against California. He collected 8 tackles, including 1 for loss of 7 yards (with 1 sack for minus 7 yards) and 1 PBU against Washington. He recorded 5 tackles against UCLA and had 6 tackles in the Holiday Bowl versus Louisville.

2022: Gentry contributed heavily to USC's defense in his first year with the Trojans playing in 11 games (all but Arizona, California and Colorado) and making 9 starts. He racked up 71 tackles (3rd for USC), including 4 for loss of 19 yards, (with 2 sacks for loss of 15 yards). He also had 3 QB hurries, 2 forced fumbles, 3 pass breakups and 1 INT.

He racked up 7 tackles, including 0.5 for loss (with 0.5 sacks) against Rice. He accumulated 10 tackles at Stanford. He had 7 tackles, 1 QB hurry and 1 pass breakup against Fresno State. He tallied 8 tackles, including 0.5 for loss, 1 INT, 1 QB hurry and 1 pass breakup at Oregon State. He had 6 tackles, including 1.5 for loss (with 0.5 sack) against Arizona State and had 5 tackles with 1 QB hurry against Washington State. He recorded 9 tackles and 1 forced fumble at Utah. He had 9 tackles and 1 forced fumble against Notre Dame. He tallied 8 tackles, including 1.5 for loss (with 1 sack) in the Pac-12 Championship against Utah. He had 2 tackles and 1 pass breakup in the Cotton Bowl against Tulane.

ARIZONA STATE: He was a **2021 consensus Freshman All-American first**



KYRON HUDSON

teamer (Football Writers, ESPN.com, Maxwell Football Club, Pro Football Focus, 24/7Sports.com, Pro Football Network) as a first-year freshman outside linebacker at Arizona State. Overall in 2021, he had 45 tackles (sixth on the team), including 5 for losses of 18 yards (with a 12-yard sack), and 2 deflections while appearing in 12 games (and starting the final 3 games, versus Oregon State, Arizona and Wisconsin in the Las Vegas Bowl). He had 5 tackles versus UCLA and Arizona (with a sack), 4 tackles at Oregon State, 3 tackles against Colorado and Washington State, 2 tackles versus Wisconsin and 1 stop against Southern Utah, BYU, Stanford and Utah. He enrolled at Arizona State in January of 2021 after graduating a semester early from high school.

HIGH SCHOOL: He played linebacker and defensive end at Saints Neumann Goretti High in Philadelphia (Penn.). He did not play his senior season, which was held in the spring of 2021 due to the COVID pandemic, instead graduating a semester early to enroll at Arizona State.

As a 2019 junior, he had 15 sacks, 2 interceptions and 3 fumble recoveries on defense and 2 TD catches as a tight end on offense.

He also played basketball at Saints Neumann Goretti as a 2019 sophomore.

PERSONAL: He is majoring in American Popular Culture at USC.

(44) SAM GREENE
Defensive End, 6-1, 250, Fr.*/So.
Washington, D.C. (St. Frances Academy)

2024: Greene will compete for playing time at defensive end as a redshirt freshman in 2024.

2023: Greene, who enrolled at USC in the spring of 2022 after graduating a semester early from high school redshirted as a true freshman in 2023. He saw action in 3 games (Nevada, Arizona State and Colorado) and recorded 1 tackle against Nevada.

HIGH SCHOOL: He helped St. Frances Academy (Md.) earn the No. 1 ranking in the final 2022 state MaxPreps Top 25 as a senior defensive lineman.

He transferred from Upper Marlboro (Md.) Rock Creek Christian to Baltimore St. Frances in January 2022.

As a 2021 junior, he had 11.5 sacks and 43 tackles for loss at Rock Creek Christian.

PERSONAL: He is majoring in Communication at USC.

(10) KYRON HUDSON
Wide Receiver, 6-1, 205, Jr.*/Sr.
Duarte, Calif. (Mater Dei HS)

CAREER: In his 3-year career at USC, he has 34 receptions for 345 yards (10.1 avg) with 5 TDs, and 1 tackle and 1 blocked kick on special teams while appearing in 28 games (with 3 starts).

2024: Hudson looks to compete for key playing time as a redshirt junior receiver in 2024.

2023: Hudson saw action in 13 games (with 3 starts) as a redshirt sophomore in 2023.

He had 17 receptions for 189 yards (11.1 avg.) with a long of 33 yards and scored 2 TDs.

He collected 1 reception for 8 yards against San Jose State and had 1 reception for 20 yards versus Nevada. He tallied 1 reception for 14 yards against Stanford and had 1 reception for 18 yards versus Arizona State. He recorded 3 receptions for 40 yards (13.3 avg.) against Colorado. He had 2 receptions for 12 yards (6.0 avg.) and 1 TD against Arizona. He had 3 catches for 42 yards (14.0 avg.) against California. He had 2 receptions for 10 yards (5.0 avg.) versus Washington. He recorded 1 reception for 9 yards against Oregon. He had 2 catches for 16 yards (8.0 avg.) and 1 TD and 1 tackle and 1 blocked punt on special teams in the Holiday Bowl versus Louisville.

2022: Hudson contributed in all 14 games as a redshirt freshman in 2022. He had 15 receptions racking up 152 yards (10.13 avg.) with a long of 29 yards and found the endzone 3 times (T-6th for USC).

He collected 3 catches for 34 yards against Rice and 1 catch for 4 yards at Oregon State. He tallied 3 catches for 46 yards and a TD against Arizona State. He had 1 catch for a 2-yard TD at Utah and 2 catches for 26 yards at Arizona. He had 1 catch for 17 yards in the Pac-12 Championship against Utah. He had 4 receptions racking up 23 yards and a TD in the Cotton Bowl against Tulane.

2021: Hudson appeared in 1 game (at California) at wide receiver as a first-year freshman in 2021, catching 2 passes for 4 yards.

HIGH SCHOOL: He made the **2020 PrepStar Dream Team and Southern California News Group Fab 15 second team** as a senior wide receiver at Mater Dei High in Santa Ana (Calif.). While playing in 3 games in a 2021 spring season, he had 6 receptions for 128 yards (21.3 avg.) with 2 TDs.

As a 2019 junior, he was **All-CIF Division 1** and **All-Trinity League first team** when he had 59 receptions for 853 yards (14.5 avg.) and 13 TDs.

As a sophomore in 2018, he caught 3 passes for 43 yards (14.3 avg.) on offense and made 5 tackles and recovered 2 fumbles on defense. Current Trojans Solomon Tuliaupupu, Raeson Davis, Josiah Zamora and Corey Nerhus also prepped at Mater Dei.

PERSONAL: He is majoring in Communication at USC. His brother, Keyon, is a redshirt senior defensive tackle at Oregon.

(56) ELIJAH HUGHES
Defensive Lineman, 6-3, 285, So./So.
Arlington, Va. (Washington-Liberty HS)

2024: Hughes will compete for playing time on the defensive line as a sophomore in 2024.

2023: Hughes saw action in 8 games as a true freshman in the 2023 season. He recorded 6 tackles, including 1.5 for loss (with 0.5 sacks).

He had 1 tackle against San Jose State in his Trojan debut. He recorded 1 tackle, including 1 for loss of 2 yards, versus Nevada. He tallied 1 tackle against Stanford. He collected 3 tackles, including 0.5 for loss of 2 yards (with 0.5 sack for minus 2 yards) in the Holiday Bowl against

Louisville.

HIGH SCHOOL: He was selected as the **2022 6D Regional Defensive Player of the Year** and the **Liberty District Defensive Player of the Year** while playing both offensive and defensive lineman at Washington-Liberty (Va.) HS. It was the first time a football player from Washington-Liberty earned these distinctions in over 20 years. Hughes was also named to the 2022 6D All-Region First Team and the **2022 All-Conference First Team** as both an offensive and defensive lineman. He was named the **2022 Team MVP**. He helped the varsity make the NOVA playoffs for the first time in 6 years.

In his junior season, he was named to the **2021 6D All-Region First Team** and the **2021 First Team All-Conference** as both an offensive and defensive lineman. He led the defense with 113 tackles and a record-setting 13 sacks.

In an abbreviated sophomore season in the spring of 2021, he earned **All-Liberty District First Team** and **All-Region Second Team** honors.

He earned **2019 All-Conference Second Team** honors after his freshman season.

Hughes also played basketball for Washington-Liberty. He was named to the basketball **2022 6D All-Region Second Team** and the **All-Liberty District First Team**, the **Sun Gazette Sports All-Arlington Boys Basketball First Team**. He was also a **2021 All-NOVA Junior Boys Team Honorable Mention**.

He also competed in track and field and qualified for the 2022 state championships in throwing and placed second in the district in shot put in 2022.

PERSONAL: He is majoring in Business Administration at USC.

(19) JOHN HUMPHREY
Cornerback, 6-2, 196, Sr./Gr.
Pasadena, Calif. (John Muir HS/UCLA)

CAREER: In his 4-year career at UCLA, Humphrey recorded 76 tackles, including 1 for loss, 6 PBUs, 2 INTs, 2 forced fumbles and 1 fumble recovery while appearing in 39 games with 19 starts.

2024: Humphrey, who transferred to USC in the spring of 2024 from UCLA, looks to compete for playing time at cornerback as a redshirt senior in 2024.

UCLA: As a senior in 2023, he recorded 31 tackles, 5 PBUs, 2 INTs, 2 forced fumbles and 1 fumble recovery while appearing in 12 games



ELIJAH HUGHES

with 11 starts.

As a junior in 2022, he had 39 tackles, including 1 for loss of 6 yards, while seeing action in all 13 games with 8 starts.

As a sophomore in 2021, he collected 5 tackles and 1 PBU while seeing action in 8 games.

As a freshman in 2020, he recorded 1 tackle while seeing action in 6 games.

After enrolling early in the spring of 2020, Ramsey redshirted as a true freshman in 2020, but appeared in 4 games and collected 6 tackles.

HIGH SCHOOL: Humphrey, a four-star recruit, was ranked as the No. 24 cornerback in the nation by 247Sports, No. 35 by ESPN and No. 41 by Rivals. He was touted as the No. 31 player in the state of California by 247Sports, No. 36 by ESPN and No. 39 by Rivals. He was named a **2020 Polynesian Bowl All-Star**.

As a senior in 2019, he helped the Mustangs reach the CIF-Southern Section Division 11 title game. He recorded 25 tackles and 6 INTs. On offense he recorded 23 receptions for 563 yards (24.5 avg.). He was also John Muir's primary kick returner. He was selected to attend The Opening Finals in 2019.

PERSONAL: He earned his bachelor's degree in African American Studies at UCLA in 2023. He is currently pursuing a certificate in Gerontology at USC. While at UCLA, earned a placement on the **Athletic Director's Honor Roll**.

(17) JAKE JENSEN
Quarterback, 6-1, 212, Jr./Sr.
Pleasant Grove, Utah (Pleasant Grove HS/
BYU/Contra Costa JC)

2024: Jensen will compete for playing time at quarterback as a redshirt junior.

2023: Jensen saw action in 1 game (the Holiday Bowl against Louisville) as a redshirt sophomore in 2023. He recorded 1 carry for 1 yard.

2022: Jensen did not see action as a sophomore quarterback in 2022.

JUNIOR COLLEGE: He completed 155-of-268 passes (57.9%) for 1,970 yards with 22 touchdowns and 9 interceptions and rushed for 105 yards on 64 carries (1.6 avg.) with 4 TDs while starting 10 games as a 2021 freshman quarterback at Contra Costa Junior College in San Pablo (Calif.). He also had 1 tackle.

BYU: He spent the spring of 2021 at BYU as a quarterback before transferring to Contra Costa. He originally committed to BYU out of high school, but never enrolled in 2019 before heading on a 2-year Mormon mission to Argentina that was cut short a year because of the COVID pandemic.

HIGH SCHOOL: In his 4-year (2015-18) career as a quarterback at Pleasant Grove (Ut.) High (starting his final 3 seasons), he hit 460-of-822 passes (56.0%) for 7,423 yards with 61 touchdowns and 29 interceptions. He made the **2018 All-State 6A second team** as a senior when he was 144-of-244 (57.8%) for 2,431 yards with 21 TDs and 7 interceptions.

As a 2017 junior, he hit 158-of-294 passes (53.7%) for 2,304 yards with 20 TDs and 11 interceptions.

He was 158-of-280 (56.4%) for 2,671 yards



with 20 TDs and 10 interceptions as a 2016 sophomore.

He completed 3-of-4 passes (75.0%) 17 yards with an interception as a 2015 freshman.

PERSONAL: He earned his associate's degree from Contra Costa in 2021. He is majoring in Real Estate Development at USC. He is married, and his wife's name is McKayla.

[0] QUINTEN JOYNER

Running Back, 5-11, 216, So./So.
Paige, Texas (Manor HS)

2024: Joyner will compete for playing time at running back as a sophomore in 2024.

2023: Joyner, who enrolled at USC in the spring of 2022 after graduating a semester early from high school, saw action in 6 games (San Jose State, Nevada, Stanford, Notre Dame, California and the Holiday Bowl versus Louisville) as a true freshman in 2023. He recorded 18 carries for 125 yards (6.9 avg.) with a long of 47 yards and scored 1 TD. He also had 1 catch for 7 yards.

He had 5 carries for 34 yards (6.8 avg.) against San Jose State. He recorded 4 carries for 65 yards (16.3 avg.) and 1 TD against Nevada. He also had 1 reception for 7 yards. He collected 5 carries for 14 yards (2.8 avg.) versus Stanford and tallied 2 carries for 11 yards (5.5 avg.) against Notre Dame. He had 2 carries for 1 yard in the Holiday Bowl versus Louisville.

HIGH SCHOOL: He was selected to compete at the **2023 All-American Bowl** and the **2023 Polynesian Bowl**. Joyner was named to the **2022 All District 25-6A First Team** after he rushed for 1,794 yards on 196 carries (9.2 avg.) for 25 TDs and caught 5 passes for 73 yards while playing running back for Manor (Texas) HS. On defense, he had 1 tackle. He tallied 3 kickoffs for 106 yards (35.3 avg.) with a long of 46 yards and recorded 14 punts for 408 yards (29.1 avg.) with a long of 46 yards. Joyner had 2 kickoff returns for 44 yards (22.0 avg.) with a long of 24.

As a junior, he was selected as the **2021 Texas District 11-5A-I Overall MVP**. He was also a **2021 Class 5A First Team All-State** selection by the Texas Sports Writers Association (TSWA). He rushed for 2,494 yards on 223 carries (11.2 avg.) for 31 TDs and was the leading rusher in all of Class 6A. Joyner also caught 9 passes for 100 yards and 2 TDs. On defense, he had 1 tackle.

As a sophomore in 2020, he rushed for 613 yards on 67 carries (9.1 yards) for 5 TDs and



QUINTEN JOYNER

caught 5 passes for 33 yards.

Joyner also played baseball and competed in track and field. He ran an 11.06 100 and threw a shot-put PR of 49 feet in spring 2022. At the AAU Junior Olympics Games in May 2021, he ran a 10.99 100 and posted a 45-8 shot put.

PERSONAL: He is majoring in Communication at USC.

[91] DEIJON LAFFITTE

Defensive Lineman, 6-2, 305, Fr./So.
Ontario, Calif. (Colony HS)

2024: Laffitte will compete for playing time on the defensive line as a redshirt freshman in 2024.

2023: Laffitte did not see any action and redshirted as a true freshman in 2023.

HIGH SCHOOL: He made **2023 PrepStar All-Western Region** as a senior defensive lineman at Colony (Calif.) HS. He recorded 51 tackles and 8 sacks as a senior in 2022. He was named **MaxPreps Defensive Player of the Game** on Aug. 26 as he had 4 tackles for loss against Santiago.

As a junior, he helped Colony to a CIF Division 9 title in 2021 and was selected to the **2021 All-CIF Southern Section Division 9 Team**.

PERSONAL: He is majoring in Journalism at USC.

[8] JA'KOBI LANE

Wide Receiver, 6-4, 195, So./So.
Mesa, Ariz. (Red Mountain HS)

2024: Lane will compete for playing time at wide receiver as a sophomore in 2024.

2023: Lane saw action in 6 games (San Jose State, Nevada, Stanford, Oregon, UCLA and the Holiday Bowl versus Louisville) as a true freshman wide receiver in 2023. He recorded 7 catches for 93 yards (13.3 avg.) with a long of 31 yards and 2 TDs.

He had 1 reception for 5 yards against San Jose State. He recorded 1 catch for 11 yards versus Nevada. He collected 1 reception for 12 yards versus Stanford. He had 1 catch for 5 yards against UCLA. He tallied 2 receptions for 60 yards (30.0 avg.) and 2 TDs in the Holiday Bowl versus Louisville.

HIGH SCHOOL: He made the **2023 PrepStar All-Western Region** after he caught 65 passes for 823 yards (12.7 avg.) and 11 TDs



JA'KOBI LANE

and rushed for 38 yards on 15 carries (2.5 avg.) to help Red Mountain (Ariz.) HS reach the 2022 6A semifinals. He also went 2-for-3 in passing for 96 yards for 2 TDs. On the defensive side of the ball, he recorded 3 tackles. On special teams, he recorded 6 kickoff returns for 128 yards (21.3 avg.) with a long of 40, and 1 punt return. Lane was selected to the **2022 12Sports All-Fever Team**, the **2022 All-6A East Valley All-Region First Team** and won the **2022 National Football Foundation Arizona Chapter J.D. Hill Wide Receiver of the Year Award** and the **2022 All-6A East Valley All-Region Co-Offensive Player of the Year Award**. He also was named the **2022 Elite 11 All-Tourney Wide Receiver MVP**.

In his junior season in 2021, he was named to the **AZPreps365 6A All-Conference Second Team**. He caught 76 passes for 990 yards (13.0 avg.) and 14 TDs and rushed for 5 yards on 1 carry (5.0 avg.). He also went 3-for-4 in passing for 39 yards and 2 TDs. Defensively, he recorded 1 tackle with 1.0 for loss and 1 INT. On special teams, he tallied 3 punt returns for 46 yards (15.3 avg.) with a long of 23 yards.

He also played basketball for Red Mountain.

PERSONAL: He is majoring in Journalism at USC.

[6] MAKAI LEMON

Wide Receiver, 5-11, 190, So./So.
Los Alamitos, Calif. (Los Alamitos HS)

2024: Lemon will compete for playing time at wide receiver as a sophomore in 2024.

2023: Lemon, who enrolled at USC in the spring of 2023 after graduating a semester early from high school, saw action in 9 games (all but Stanford, Arizona State, California and Washington) on both sides of the ball as a wide receiver and a cornerback as a true freshman in 2023. On offense, he recorded 6 receptions for 88 yards (14.7 avg.) with a long of 40 yards. He also recorded 1 tackle.

He had 1 catch for no gain against San Jose State. He recorded 3 receptions for 13 yards (4.3 avg.) versus Nevada. He had 2 catches for 75 yards (37.5 avg.) and 1 tackle in the Holiday Bowl against Louisville.

HIGH SCHOOL: HHe was named a **2023 Under Armour All-American** and was selected to compete in the **2023 Polynesian Bowl**. Lemon was also a **Polynesian High School Player of the Year finalist**.

He made the **2022 All-CIF Division I Team**, the **2022 MaxPreps All-America First Team**, the **2022 MaxPreps California All-State First Team** and the **2022 Los Angeles Times All-Star Team** as a senior wide receiver at Los Alamitos (Calif.) HS. He caught 69 passes for 1,044 yards (15.1 avg.) and 12 touchdowns to help Los Alamitos place first in the Sunset League and reach the CIF Southern Section Division 1 semifinals. He also recorded 15 yards on 3 carries (5.0 avg.). On defense, he had 12 tackles, tallied 1 INT and 1 PBU. On special teams, he recorded 8 kickoff returns for 267 yards (33.4 avg.).

As a junior, he was selected to the **2021 MaxPreps Junior All-America First Team**, the **2021 MaxPreps California All-State First Team**, the **2021 All-CIF Southern Section Division I Team** and the **2021 Cal-Hi All-State First Team**. In 2021, he caught 65 passes for

1,062 yards (16.3 avg.) and 15 TDs and recorded 6 yards on 4 carries (1.5 avg.). He also tossed 1 pass for 19 yards. On defense, he recorded 28 tackles with 2.0 for loss and tallied 4 INTs and 8 PBUs. On special teams, he had 12 kickoff returns for 355 yards (29.6 avg.).

After an abbreviated sophomore season in the spring of 2021, he was named to the **MaxPreps California All-State First Team**. As a sophomore, Lemon tallied 43 receptions for 756 yards (17.6 avg.) and 9 TDs. He also threw 1 pass for 48 yards. On defense, recorded 15 tackles with 1.0 for loss and tallied 4 INTs and 4 PBUs. Lemon also had 5 punt returns for 132 yards (26.4 avg.).

As a freshman at La Mirada HS, he recorded 57 catches for 784 yards (13.8 avg.) and 5 TDs and tallied 33 yards on 3 carries (11.0 avg.). On defense, he recorded 25 tackles, 4 INTs, 2 fumble recoveries and 1 blocked punt. On special teams, he had 9 kickoff returns for 96 yards (10.7 avg.).

PERSONAL: He is majoring in Communication at USC.

[62] COOPER LOVELACE
Offensive Lineman, 6-5, 305, Sr./Sr.
Kansas City, Kan. (Shawnee Mission East HS/
Butler CC)

2024: Lovelace will compete for playing time on the offensive line as a redshirt senior.

2023: Lovelace saw action in 4 games (San Jose State, Nevada, Stanford and UCLA) as a redshirt senior offense lineman in 2023.

2022: Lovelace saw action on the USC offensive line in 3 games (Rice, Arizona and Colorado) as a redshirt junior in 2022.

JUNIOR COLLEGE: He played center, guard and tackle at Butler Community College in El Dorado (Kan.). He redshirted in 2019, then the 2020 season was cancelled due to COVID and he played in 2021 as a redshirt sophomore.

HIGH SCHOOL: He was an offensive lineman as a 2018 senior at Shawnee Mission (Kan.) East High, his only year of high school football.

Before playing football at Shawnee Mission East, he was on the wrestling team.

PERSONAL: He is majoring in Communication at USC. He earned placement on the **2023 Pac-12 Fall Academic Honor Roll**.



MAKAI LEMON

[6] ANTHONY LUCAS
Defensive End, 6-5, 275, Jr./Jr.
Scottsdale, Ariz. (Chapparral HS/Texas A&M)

2024: Lucas will compete for playing time in the trenches at defensive end as a junior in 2024.

2023: Lucas, who transferred to USC in the spring of 2023 from Texas A&M, saw action in all 13 games with 1 start on the defensive line as a sophomore in 2023. He recorded 10 tackles, including 3.5 for loss.

He had 3 tackles, including 2 for loss of 5 yards, against San Jose State. Lucas recorded 1 tackle versus Nevada. He tallied 1 tackle, including 1 for loss of 2 yards, against Stanford. He had 1 tackle against Arizona State, Colorado and Arizona. Lucas collected 2 tackles, including 0.5 for loss of 1 yard, against Utah.

TEXAS A&M: He saw action in 7 games (Sam Houston State, Application State, UM, Arkansas, Mississippi State, Alabama, South Carolina) collecting 7 tackles with 1 for loss. He had 1 tackle and a QB hurry against Miami and collected 2 tackles against Arkansas. He recorded 4 tackles including 1 for loss against Alabama.

HIGH SCHOOL: He was selected as a **2022 Under Armour All-American**.

As a senior, recorded 64 tackles, including 22 tackles for loss and 9.5 sacks. He also recorded 2 TDs on 6 catches across 13 games.

As a junior, he recorded 29 tackles, including 10 for loss (with 6.0 sacks) to go along with 2 offensive touchdowns in 7 games.

PERSONAL: He is majoring in Communication at USC. He was named to the **2023 Pac-12 Fall Academic Honor Roll**.

[46] DENIS LYNCH
Placekicker, 5-8, 184, Jr./Sr.
Newbury Park, Calif. (Newbury Park HS)

2024: Lynch, a left-footed placekicker, will return to kick for the Trojans as a redshirt junior in 2024.

2023: Lynch was USC's starting placekicker in all 13 games as a redshirt sophomore in 2023. Lynch scored 95 points for the Trojans going 65-of-66 (98.4%) on extra points and 10-of-14 (71.4%) on field goals. His season and career-long was a 53-yarder against Arizona State. This was also the third-longest field goal in program history. Lynch was perfect in field goals from 40-53 yards, going 3-for-3. He also recorded 60 kickoffs



ANTHONY LUCAS

totaling 3,625 yards.

He made all 8 PATs against San Jose State. He made all 8 of his PATs and 1 field goal from 37 yards against Nevada. He made all 8 of his PATs against Stanford. He made all 4 of his PATs and went 2-for-2 on field goals, hitting a 53-yarder (his career and season-long) and a 36-yarder. He was 6-of-6 on PATs against Colorado, but 0-of-1 on field goals. He made 5-of-5 PATs against Arizona. He was 2-of-2 on PATs against Notre Dame and went 2-for-2 on field goals making a 25-yarder and a 48-yarder. He went 2-of-2 on PATs versus Utah and was 2-for-2 on field goals, making a 44-yarder and a 36-yarder. He went 5-of-6 on PATs against California and was 1-of-2 on field goals, making a 23-yarder. He went 6-of-6 on PATs against Washington. He went 3-of-3 on PATs versus Oregon. He went 2-of-2 on PATs against UCLA and made 2-of-3 field goals, making two 34-yarders. He went 6-for-6 on PATs in the Holiday Bowl against Louisville and went 0-for-1 on field goals.

2022: Lynch was USC's starting placekicker in all 14 games in 2022. Lynch accumulated 119 total points (ranked 10th in the nation for total points scored) going 74-of-74 on extra points and 15-of-22 (68.1%) on field goals. His season long came against UCLA when he nailed a 49-yard field goal at the end of the first half, making the score 20-21. Lynch was also perfect on field goals from 40-49 yards going 8-8. He also had 2 kickoffs this season, totaling 101 yards.

He made all 9 of his PATs and made a 25-yard field goal against Rice. He made all 5 of his PATs and was 2-of-3 on field goals, hitting from 45 yards and 42 yards at Stanford. He made all 6 of his PATs and nailed a 41-yard field goal against Fresno State. He was 2-of-2 on PATs, was 1-of-2 hitting a 42-yard field goal and kicked off 2 times at Oregon State. He made all 6 of his PATs against Arizona State and all 3 of his PATs while nailing 3 field goals (31 yards, 27 yards and another from 31 yards) against Washington State. He made all 6 of his PATs at Utah. He nailed all 6 of his PATs and made a 45-yard field goal against Arizona. He put all 5 of his PATs through the uprights against California and was perfect hitting all 6 of his PATs and a 34-yard field goal against Colorado. He made all 6 of his PATs and was 2-of-4 on field goals (hitting from 44 yards and 49 yards) at UCLA. He made all 3 of his PATs and a 20-yard field goal in the Pac-12 Championship against Utah. He made all 6 of his PATs and went 1-of-2 on field goals (scoring from 43 yards) in the Cotton Bowl against Tulane.

2021: Lynch did not see action as a backup as a first-year freshman in 2021.

HIGH SCHOOL: He was 10-of-10 on PATs and kicked off 15 times (with 5 touchbacks) as a senior in the spring of 2021 at Newbury Park (Calif.) High.

As a 2019 junior, he was 23-of-25 on PATs, had a 31-yard field goal and kicked off 31 times.

PERSONAL: He is majoring in Real Estate Development at USC.



[41] GARRISON MADDEN
Linebacker, 6-2, 223, So.*/Jr.
Hampton, Ga. (Dutchtown HS)

2023: Madden will compete for action at linebacker as a redshirt sophomore in 2024.

2023: Madden saw action in 1 game (Nevada) as a redshirt freshman in 2023, but he did not record any stats.

2022: Madden redshirted as a true freshman in 2022.

HIGH SCHOOL: He made the **2021 All-Region 4-A AAAA first team** as a senior outside linebacker and wide receiver at Dutchtown High in Hampton (Ga.).

He didn't start playing football until his 2020 junior season.

He also was on the basketball and track teams at Dutchtown, with bests of 10.71 in the 100 meters and 22.22 in the 200 meters. He was third in the 100 and sixth in the 200 and anchored the winning 400-meter relay quartet at the 2020 Georgia Class 5A Championships.

PERSONAL: He is majoring in Health and Human Sciences at USC.

[14] JAYDEN MAIAVA
Quarterback, 6-4, 219, So.*/Jr.
Palolo, Hawaii (Liberty HS)

2024: Maiava, who transferred to USC in the spring of 2024 from UNLV, looks to compete for playing time at quarterback as a redshirt sophomore in 2024.

UNLV: As a redshirt freshman in 2023, Maiava led UNLV to its most wins since 1984 and a first-ever appearance in the Mountain West Championship. He completed 224-of-353 passes (63.5%) for 3,085 yards and 17 TDs with 10 INTs, plus he rushed for 277 yards on 73 carries (3.8 avg.) and scored 3 TDs while seeing action and starting in all 14 games. He also recorded 2 tackles. Maiava was named the **2023 Mountain West Freshman of the Year** and the **2023 College Football Network Freshman Quarterback of the Year**. He earned placement on the **2023 All-Mountain West Second Team** and the **2023 Phil Steele All-Mountain West Second Team**. He set the Mountain West record for Freshman of the Week honors with five.

Maiava redshirted the 2022 season and did not see any action at quarterback.

HIGH SCHOOL: Maiava, a three-star recruit, was ranked the No. 23 quarterback in the nation by ESPN, No. 52 by On3 and No. 62 by 247Sports. He was named **Second Team All-Southern Nevada** by the Las Vegas Review-Journal.

As a senior at Liberty (Nev.) HS in 2021, he led the Patriots to the state title game. He threw 2,027 yards and 24 TDs and ran for 3 TDs himself. He earned **All-League First Team** honors.

As a junior in 2019, he prepped at Kaimuki (Hawaii) HS where he threw for 3,317 yards and 41 TDs. He also played at Kaimuki a sophomore.

As a freshman in 2018, he prepped at Sierra Vista (Nev.) HS.

PERSONAL: He is majoring in Communication at USC. While at UNLV, Maiava

earned placement on the **Fall 2023 Academic All-Mountain West Team**.

[57] ROMAN MARCHETTI
Linebacker, 6-2, 217, So.*/Jr.
Santa Ana, Calif. (Foothill HS)

2024: Marchetti will compete at linebacker as a redshirt sophomore in 2024.

2023: Marchetti saw action in 4 games (San Jose State, Nevada, Stanford and the Holiday Bowl against Louisville) as a redshirt freshman in 2023. He recorded 1 kick return for 10 yards on special teams in the Holiday Bowl versus Louisville.

2022: Marchetti saw action in 1 game (Stanford) as a true freshman. He did not record any statistics.

HIGH SCHOOL: He made **2021 Cal-Hi Sports All-State Medium Schools third team, All-CIF Division 3, Orange County Register All-Orange County first team and All-Crestview League Defensive Player of the Year** as a senior linebacker and running back at Foothill High in Santa Ana (Calif.) as he made 150 tackles, including 5 for losses (with 15 sacks), 2 forced fumbles, an interception, a fumble recovery and a pass deflection.

As a 2020 junior, he made **All-Crestview League first team** as he had 49 tackles, including 4 for losses (with a sack), 3 fumble recoveries (1 for a TD) and 2 forced fumbles, along with 67 yards on 6 carries (11.2 avg.). As a sophomore in 2019, he made 11 tackles (1 for a loss) and a fumble recovery, plus had 40 yards on 10 carries (4.0 avg.).

He also played lacrosse at Foothill, earning 2022 All-Crestview League first team honors as his team was the CIF Division 1 runner-up as a senior and **2021 All-CIF Division 1 third team** as a junior.

PERSONAL: He is majoring in Journalism at USC. He earned placement on the **2023 Pac-12 Fall Academic Honor Roll**.

[4] WOODY MARKS
Running Back, 5-10, 208, Sr.*/Gr.
Atlanta, Ga. (Carver HS/Mississippi State)

CAREER: In his 4-year career at Mississippi State (2020-23), he recorded 410 carries for 1,883 yards (4.6 avg.) with a long of 52 yards and 22 TDs. He also tallied 214 receptions for 1,225 yards (4.8 avg.) with a long of 32 and 5 TDs. On special teams, he had 11 kickoff returns for 231 yards (21.0 avg.) with a long of 33 yards. He also recorded 7 tackles. He appeared in 45 games with 32 starts. He missed just one contest in his career (vs Bowling Green, Sept. 24, 2022). Marks has recorded at least 1 reception in every game of his collegiate career. He was the first in MSU history with 214 career receptions, and also has the most receiving yards by a running back (1,225) in Mississippi State history. He holds the MSU record with a reception in 36 consecutive games, (now at 45 games) which is the 4th longest active streak nationally and second in the SEC.

2024: Marks, a skilled running back who transferred to USC in the spring of 2024 from Mississippi State, looks to compete for time in

the Trojan backfield as a redshirt senior, with one year of eligibility remaining.

MISSISSIPPI STATE: As a senior in 2023, he had 121 carries for 573 yards (4.7 avg.) with 4 TDs and 23 receptions for 167 yards (2.6 avg.) and 2 TDs while appearing in 9 games with 9 starts.

As a junior in 2022, he led the team 113 rushing attempts for 582 yards (5.2 avg.) with 9 TDs, leading the team in rushing attempts, rushing yards and rushing TDs. He also had collected 48 receptions for 288 yards (6.0 avg.) while appearing in 12 games with 7 starts. Only 14 players in the nation ended the 2022 season on active streaks of 35 or more games.

As a sophomore in 2021, Marks ran for 416 yards on 106 carries (3.9 avg.) with 6 TDs and tallied 83 catches for 502 yards (6.0 avg.) with 3 TDs while appearing in 13 games with 8 starts. He also returned 11 kicks for the Bulldogs for 231 yards. His 83 receptions marked third-most in program history and most by a running back at Mississippi State. He tied for fourth in program history with 2 career games with 10+ catches.

As a true freshman in 2020, he recorded 70 carries for 312 yards (4.5 avg.) with 3 TDs and had 60 receptions for 268 yards (4.5 avg.) while appearing in all 11 games with 8 starts. He set the Mississippi State single-season mark for receptions by a freshman and by a running back and finished the season tied for No. 6 on the single-season receptions chart (60). His 10 receptions against Arkansas (10/3/2020) are the most by a Mississippi State freshman in a single game in program history. He led the FBS in receptions by a running back with 60.

HIGH SCHOOL: Marks, a four-star recruit, was touted as the No. 138 player in the nation by 247Sports and No. 153 by ESPN. He was rated the No. 11 running back prospect by Rivals, No. 16 by 247Sports and No. 17 by ESPN. He was ranked as the No. 17 player in the state of Georgia by 247Sports, No. 19 by ESPN and No. 23 by Rivals.

As a 2019 senior at Carver (Ga.) HS, he was named **Region 6-5A Offensive Player of the Year**. He had 162 carries for 1,519 yards (9.4 avg.) and 23 TDs. He produced 100-yards rushing in 8 of 9 games. He also caught 4 passes for 43 yards (10.8 avg.).

As a junior, Marks ran for 1,500 yards on 140 carries (10.7 avg.) and 9 TDs. He also caught 5 passes for 92 yards (18.4 avg.) and 1 TD.

As a sophomore, he ran for 2,127 yards on 208 carries (10.2 avg.) with 19 TDs. He rushed for 100-plus yards in all 13 games. He also caught 5 passes for 90 yards (18.0 avg.).

As a freshman, he totaled 1,245 yards on 104 carries (12.0 avg.) with 8 TDs. He recorded six 100-yard rushing games. He tallied 50 yards on 2 receptions (25.0 avg.).

PERSONAL: He earned his bachelor's degree in Kinesiology from Mississippi State in 2023. He is currently pursuing a certificate in Gerontology at USC. His real name is Jo'Quavious.



[4] EASTON MASCARENAS-ARNOLD
Linebacker, 6-0, 231, Sr./Sr.
Mission Viejo, Calif. (Mission Viejo HS/Oregon State)

CAREER: In his 3-year career at Oregon State (2021-23), he recorded 410 carries for 1,883 yards (4.6 avg.) with a long of 52 yards and 22 TDs. He appeared in 27 games (with 12 starts).

2024: Mascarenas-Arnold, an experienced linebacker who transferred to USC in the spring of 2024 from Oregon State, looks to compete for time as a senior.

OREGON STATE: As a junior in 2023, he collected 107 tackles, including 6.5 for loss of 32 yards (with 2 sacks for minus 23 yards), 3 QBHs and 2 INTs while appearing in and starting in all 12 games.

As a sophomore in 2022, he collected 37 tackles, including 5.5 for loss of 2- yards (with 2 sacks for minus 13 yards), 2 PBUs and 1 INT returned 37 yards for a TD while appearing in 12 games (all except Florida).

As a freshman in 2021, he recorded 15 tackles, including 1 for loss of 1 yard and 1 PBU while appearing in 13 games.

HIGH SCHOOL: Mascarenas-Arnold, a four-star recruit, was ranked the No. 35 linebacker in the nation by ESPN, No. 38 by 247Sports and No. 52 by Rivals. He was touted as the No. 25 player in the state of California by 247Sports, No. 32 by ESPN and No. 57 by Rivals.

As a junior at Mission Viejo in 2019, he earned **League MVP** as well as **All-League First Team**. He was also named **Team MVP**. He recorded 91 tackles, including 17 for loss (with 5.5 sacks), 3 INTs and 1 fumble recovery.

As a sophomore in 2017, he tallied 91 tackles, including 7 for loss (with 2 sacks) and 1 INT.

Mascarenas-Arnold also lettered in track and field, earning **All-League** honors in the 100 meters and the shot put.

PERSONAL: He is majoring in Social Sciences with an emphasis in Economics at USC. His brother, Akili, is also on the USC football team.

[35] MICHAEL MCALLISTER
Punter, 6-2, 217, Sr.*/Sr.
Carlsbad, Calif. (La Costa Canyon HS)

2024: McAllister will compete for playing time at punter as a redshirt senior in 2024.

2023: McAllister did not see any action as a backup punter as a redshirt junior in 2023.

2022: McAllister, a redshirt sophomore, did not see any action as a backup punter in 2022.

2021: McAllister did not see action as a backup punter as a redshirt freshman in 2021.

2020: McAllister did not see action as a backup punter as a first-year freshman in 2020.

HIGH SCHOOL: He averaged 32.9 yards on 14 punts, with a long of 46 yards, in 2019 as a senior punter at La Costa Canyon High in Carlsbad (Calif.). He also served as the holder on placement kicks and completed a 2-point

conversion pass.

PERSONAL: He is majoring in Communication at USC.

[87] LAKE McREE
Tight End, 6-4, 244, Jr.*/Sr.
Austin, Texas (Lake Travis HS)

CAREER: In his 3-year collegiate career, he has 43 receptions for 459 yards (10.7 avg) with a long of 31 yards and 3 TDs while appearing in 29 games with 7 starts.

2024: McRee, a high-potential redshirt junior, returns as an experienced tight end in 2024.

2023: McRee saw action in 12 games (all but the Holiday Bowl against Louisville due to a lower body injury) with 4 starts as a redshirt sophomore in 2023. He recorded 26 catches for 262 yards (10.1 avg.) and scored 1 TD.

He had 3 receptions for 36 yards (12.0 avg.) against San Jose State. He recorded 1 catch for 10 yards versus Nevada. He tallied 4 receptions for 29 yards (7.3 avg.) with 1 TD against Stanford. He collected 1 catch for 2 yards versus Arizona State. He notched 2 receptions for 19 yards (9.5 avg.) versus Colorado. He had 1 catch for 21 yards against Notre Dame. He collected 3 receptions for 35 yards (11.7 avg.) versus Utah. He recorded 4 catches for 71 yards (17.8 avg.) against California. He tallied 4 catches for 22 yards (5.5 avg.) versus Washington. He had 1 catch for no gain against Oregon. He recorded 2 receptions for 17 yards (8.5 avg.) against UCLA.

2022: McRee saw action in 13 games (all but Arizona State) with 2 starts (Stanford and Fresno State) as a redshirt freshman in 2022. He recorded 10 passes for 106 yards (10.6 avg) with a long of 31 yards, and scored 2 TDs.

He had 1 catch for 9 yards against Rice and had 2 catches for 13 yards with a 5-yard TD at Stanford. He had 1 catch for 8 yards against Fresno State and had 1 catch for 4 yards at Oregon State. He had 1 catch for a 2-yard TD against California and had 1 catch for 18 yards against Colorado. He had 2 catches for 37 yards against Notre Dame and 1 catch for 15 yards in the Pac-12 Championship against Utah.

2021: McRee, who enrolled at USC in the spring of 2021 after graduating a semester early from high school, saw key playing time at tight end and on special teams while appearing in 4 late-season games (Arizona, Arizona State, UCLA, BYU) and starting once (UCLA) as a first-year freshman in 2021. Overall in 2021, he had 7 receptions for 91 yards (13.0 avg). He had a 9-yard reception against Arizona, 2 catches for 19 yards versus UCLA and had 4 catches for 63 yards and also caught a 2-point conversion pass against BYU.

HIGH SCHOOL: He made **2020 PrepStar All-Midlands** as a senior tight end at Lake Travis (Tex.) High, when he had 14 receptions for 178 yards (12.7 avg) with 1 TD and added 3 carries for 11 yards (3.7 avg) with a TD.

He missed his 2019 junior season with a knee injury.

As a 2018 sophomore, he caught 17 passes for 274 yards (16.1 avg) with 2 TDs and also completed a 22-yard pass and had a 3-yard run. He also played basketball at Lake Travis.

PERSONAL: He is majoring in Communication at USC.

[48] DANIEL MEUNIER
Long Snapper, 5-10, 225, Sr.*/Sr.
Lynwood, Calif. (Bishop Mora Salesian HS/
El Camino JC)

2024: Meunier will compete for playing time at long snapper as a redshirt senior in 2024.

2023: Meunier did not see any action at long snapper as a senior in 2023.

2022: Meunier did not see any action as a junior in 2022.

JUNIOR COLLEGE: Meunier was El Camino City College's starting long snapper as a sophomore in 2021. Overall in 2021 while appearing in all 11 games, he had 2 tackles and 1 fumble recovery.

As a freshman, El Camino City College did not play football in the 2020 season due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Meunier sat out the 2019 football season.

HIGH SCHOOL: As a senior linebacker at Bishop Mora Salesian (Los Angeles, CA) in 2018, he recorded 7 tackles and 1 sack.

Also played baseball at Bishop Mora Salesian.

PERSONAL: He is majoring in Psychology at USC.

[79] JONAH MONHEIM
Offensive Lineman, 6-5, 305, Sr.*/Gr.
Moorpark, Calif. (Moorpark HS)

CAREER: He has appeared in 40 games in his career, with 34 starts (18 games at right tackle, 12 games at left tackle and 4 times at right guard). He has 1 career tackle.

2024: Monheim, a returning captain and veteran standout on the Trojan offensive line, makes the move to center as a redshirt senior in 2024.

2023: Monheim started all 13 games on the offensive line as a redshirt junior in 2023. He started 12 times at left tackle and 1 time at right guard. He was named to the **AP All-Pac-12 Second Team** and **Phil Steele All-Pac-12 Fourth Team**.

2022: Monheim started in all 14 games on the offensive line as a redshirt sophomore in 2022. He started 11 times at right tackle and 3 times at right guard. He was named an **All-Pac-12 Honorable Mention**. He helped the Trojan offensive line unit to be selected as a **Joe Moore Award Semifinalist**.

2021: Monheim saw action in all 12 games on the offensive line and on special teams as a redshirt freshman in 2021, starting the first 7 contests at right tackle (San Jose State, Stanford, Washington State, Oregon State, Colorado, Utah, Notre Dame). He had 1 tackle (versus Oregon State). When he and Courtland Ford both started against San Jose State in 2021, it marked the first time since at least 1984 when complete records are available that USC started freshmen at both tackle spots.

2020: Monheim appeared in 1 game (seeing significant action against Washington State at right guard) as an offensive lineman as a first-year freshman in 2020.

HIGH SCHOOL: He made **2019 PrepStar All-American**, Tacoma News Tribune Western



100, Cal-Hi Sports All-State first team, Los Angeles Daily News All-Area first team and All-Camino League Co-Offensive Lineman of the Year as a senior offensive tackle and guard at Moorpark (Calif.) High. He was a 3-year starter at Moorpark.

PERSONAL: He earned his bachelor's degree in Business Administration at USC. He is currently pursuing a certificate in Gerontology. He earned placement on the **2021, 2022 and 2023 Pac-12 Academic Honor Roll**.

[82] JADEN MOORE
Wide Receiver, 5-11, 192, Fr.*/So.
La Jolla, Calif. (The Bishop's School)

2024: Moore will compete for playing time at wide receiver as a redshirt freshman in 2024.

2023: Moore did not see any action at wide receiver as a true freshman in 2023.

HIGH SCHOOL: He prepped at the Bishops School in La Jolla, (Calif.) where he helped the Knights to the 2022 Coastal League Championship as a 2022 senior and was named to the **2022 All-League Defense First Team**. He earned **San Diego Football Network's WR Player of the Week** honors (Oct. 6-8, 2022). In 2022, He tallied 331 total receiving yards, scoring 5 touchdowns for the Bishop's School. He also recorded 63 total tackles.

He tallied 451 receiving yards as a junior in 2021, scoring 3 touchdowns for the Knights.

He also ran track and played basketball for Bishops, receiving the **team's MVP award** as both a freshman and a sophomore.

PERSONAL: He is majoring in Human Biology at USC.

[7] MILLER MOSS
Quarterback, 6-1, 205, Jr.*/Gr.
Los Angeles, Calif. (Bishop Alemany HS)

CAREER: In his 3-year career at USC, Moss is 66-for-92 (71.7%) for 914 yards with 9 TDs and has rushed for 27 yards on 10 attempts in 12 games with 1 start. He holds the record for most TD passes thrown in a Holiday Bowl (6), most TD passes thrown in a USC bowl game (6), most TD passes thrown by a USC QB is his first Trojan start (6) and tied the Pac-12 Bowl Game passing TD record (6).

2024: Moss, the record-setting Holiday Bowl Offensive MVP, will compete to be USC's starting quarterback as a redshirt junior in 2024.



JAMIL MUHAMMAD

2023: In 2023, Moss completed 46-of-65 passes (70.8%) for 681 yards and 7 TDs with just 1 INT, plus he rushed for 32 yards on 4 carries (8.0 avg.) and scored 2 TDs while seeing action in 5 games with 1 start.

He went 5-of-7 for 63 yards and rushed for 4 yards on 1 carry to score a TD against San Jose State. He went 7-of-10 for 134 yards and 1 TD against Nevada. He went 11-of-15 for 112 yards and rushed for 15 yards on 1 carry to score a TD against Stanford. In the Holiday Bowl against No. 15 Louisville, Moss went 23-of-33 for 372 yards and 6 TDs in his first USC start to lead the Trojans to a 42-28 victory. He also recorded 2 carries for 13 yards (6.5 avg.). Moss was named the Holiday Bowl Offensive MVP and set the record for most TD passes thrown in a Holiday Bowl (6), most TD passes thrown in a USC bowl game (6), most TD passes thrown by a USC QB is his first Trojan start (6) and tied the Pac-12 Bowl Game passing TD record (6).

2022: Moss saw action in 5 games (Rice, Fresno State, Arizona State, Colorado and the Pac-12 Championship versus Utah) as the USC backup quarterback in 2022. He went 12-of-14 (85.71%) for 159 yards and 1 TD. He went 6-of-7 for 81 yards and rushed for 10 yards on 1 carry against Rice. He rushed for 3 yards on 1 carry against Fresno State. He went 6-of-7 for 78 yards and 1 TD against Colorado.

2021: Moss, who enrolled at USC in the spring of 2021 after graduating a semester early from high school, saw action in 2 games (Washington State and California) as a backup quarterback as a first-year freshman in 2021. Overall in 2021, he completed 8-of-13 passes (61.5%) for 74 yards with 1 TD and had 3 rushes for minus 14 yards (-4.7 avg.). He played 1 snap at Washington State when backup Jaxson Dart went out briefly with an injury, then completed 8-of-13 passes for 74 yards with a 16-yard TD at California when Dart went out with a third-quarter injury.

HIGH SCHOOL: He made the **2020 PrepStar Dream Team** and **Southern California News Group Fab 15 first team** as a senior quarterback at Bishop Alemany High in Mission Hills (Calif.).

As a 2019 junior, he was **Cal-Hi Sports All-State Juniors first team, All-CIF Division 3, Los Angeles Daily News All-SoCal** and **Los Angeles Daily News Offensive Player of the Year** when he completed 215-of-319 passes (67.4%) for 3,118 yards with 28 TDs and 10 interceptions and he also ran for 105 yards on 31 carries (8.8 avg) and averaged 38.9 yards on 12 punts.

As a 2018 sophomore, he threw 19 TDs and 14 interceptions. Current Trojan Jaylin Smith also prepped at Alemany.

He spent his 2017 freshman season at Loyola High in Los Angeles (Calif.), completing 33-of-55 passes (60.0%) for 350 yards with 2 TDs and 3 interceptions. Current Trojan Jack Susnjar also prepped at Loyola.

PERSONAL: He earned his bachelor's degree in Law, History and Culture with a minor in Business Finance in spring 2023 from USC (graduating in 2 years). He is pursuing his master's degree in Social Entrepreneurship. He made the **2021 and 2022 Pac-12 Academic Honor Roll**. His mother, Emily, was a professor in USC's School of Architecture.

[10] JAMIL MUHAMMAD
Defensive End, 6-1, 255, Sr.*/Gr.
Madison, Ala. (James Clemens HS/Georgia State)

CAREER: In his 4-year career (3 years at Georgia State, 1 at USC), he has 116 tackles, including 21.5 for losses (with 14 sacks), 5 pass deflections, 5 forced fumbles, 4 QB hurries, 2 fumble recoveries and 1 INT while appearing in 47 games with 22 starts.

2024: Muhammad, a veteran presence on the Trojan defense, will return as a starter at defensive end as a redshirt senior (with one year of eligibility remaining) in 2024.

2023: Muhammad, who transferred to USC in the spring of 2023 from Georgia State, saw action in all 13 games making 12 starts as a redshirt junior in 2023. He decorated his stat sheet with 46 tackles, including 10.5 for loss of 47 yards (with a team-leading 6.5 sacks for minus 41 yards), 4 QB hurries, 2 forced fumbles, 1 INT and 1 PBU.

He had 3 tackles, 1 forced fumble, 1 QB hurry and 1 PBU in his Trojan debut against San Jose State. He tallied 3 tackles, including 1 for loss of 4 yards (with 1 sack for minus 4 yards) versus Nevada. He recorded 1 tackle, including for loss of 1 yard (with 1 sack for minus 1 yard) and 1 forced fumble against Stanford. He collected 8 tackles, including 3 for loss of 11 yards (with 1 sack for minus 7 yards) versus Arizona State. He notched 3 tackles, including 2 for loss of 11 yards (with 1 sack for minus 10 yards) and 2 QB hurries against Colorado. He had 5 tackles, including 3 for loss of 15 yards (with 2 sacks for minus 14 yards) and 1 QB hurt versus Arizona. He had 1 tackle against Notre Dame. He recorded 3 tackles versus Utah and had 4 tackles and 1 fumble recovery versus California. He collected 4 tackles against Washington, 1 tackle versus Oregon and 5 tackles against UCLA. He tallied 5 tackles, including 0.5 for loss of 5 yards (with 0.5 sack for minus 5 yards) versus Louisville in the Holiday Bowl.

GEORGIA STATE: He saw action in all 12 games of the 2022 season and started in 9 (all but Old Dominion, Southern Miss and Louisiana Monroe). He collected 44 tackles, including 5 for loss of 21 yards (plus 1.5 sacks for 11 yards), 1 INT, 2 pass breakups, 8 QB hurries and 1 forced fumble. He had 3 tackles, 2 QB hurries and 2 pass breakups against South Carolina, then recorded 5 tackles with 1.0 for loss for 4 yards against North Carolina. He tallied 1 tackle against Charlotte, then collected 6 tackles with 1.5 for loss of 4 yards and 1 QB hurry against Coastal Carolina. He had 6 tackles including 0.5 for loss of 1 yard versus West Point, and notched 3 tackles with 1 INT and 1 QB hurry against Georgia Southern. He recorded 1 tackle versus Old Dominion, and had 2 tackles with 0.5 for loss with 0.5 sacks and 1 QB hurry against Southern Miss. He had 2 tackles with 1 for loss of 7 yards and 1 sack and 1 forced fumble against Louisiana Monroe and tallied 4 tackles with 0.5 for loss and 1 QB hurry versus James Madison. He recorded 6 tackles and 1 QB hurry against Marshall. He was named to the **Athletic Director's Honor Roll in Spring 2022**.

He played in all 13 games in the 2021 season with 1 start against Ball State in the TaxAct Camellia Bowl and tallied 22 tackles, including 6 for loss and 6 sacks. He led the



team with 6 sacks, tying for the second-highest season total in program history. He recorded 3 tackles against West Point, 1 tackle against North Carolina, 2 tackles against Charlotte, 1 tackle against Auburn and Louisiana Monroe. He tallied 2 tackles with 1 sack for 4 yards and 1 QB hurry against Texas State and 1 tackle against Georgia Southern. He had 2 tackles with 1 for loss and 1 sack for 25 yards with 1 forced fumble and 1 pass breakup against Coastal Carolina, and 2 tackles against Arkansas State. He had 3 tackles with 2 for loss and 2 sacks for 18 yards and 1 forced fumble and returned a fumble 72 yards for a touchdown against Troy, and had 4 tackles including 2 for loss with 2 sacks for 22 yards, 1 forced fumble and 1 QB hurry against Ball State in the TaxAct Camellia Bowl. He was named to the **Athletic Director's Honor Roll in Fall 2021** and the **Sun Belt Conference Honor Roll**.

He played in 9 games, all but the season opener against Louisiana in the 2020 season and tallied 4 tackles. He recorded 1 tackle in the East Carolina and Arkansas State games and 2 tackle against Georgia Southern.

Originally signed with Vanderbilt but enrolled at Georgia State in August 2019 and took a redshirt year. He was named to the **Dean's List** in the Spring of 2020.

HIGH SCHOOL: Named an **All-Region** quarterback while playing at James Clemens HS. He passed for 1,773 yards and 21 touchdowns while rushing for 942 yards and 18 TDs as a senior.

He also lettered in basketball.

PERSONAL: He earned his bachelor's degree in Interdisciplinary Studies with a focus of Social Entrepreneurship from Georgia State. He is currently pursuing his master's degree in Social Entrepreneurship at USC. He earned placement on the **2023 Pac-12 Fall Academic Honor Roll**. His brother, Marquez, played football at WKU and another brother, Terrance, played at Alabama A&M.

[76] MASON MURPHY
Offensive Lineman, 6-5, 312, Jr./Sr.
Riverside, Calif. (JSerra Catholic HS)

CAREER: He has appeared in 27 games in his career, with 10 starts (5 at right guard, 3 at left tackle and 2 at right tackle). He has 1 career tackle.

2024: Murphy will compete to start on the offensive line as a redshirt junior in 2024.

2023: Murphy saw action in all 13 games making 5 starts on the offensive line as a redshirt sophomore in 2023. He made all 5 of his starts at right guard.

2022: Murphy saw action in all 14 games, starting in 5 (Arizona, California, Colorado, UCLA and Utah [P12]), as a redshirt freshman in 2022. He helped the Trojan offensive line unit to be selected as a **Joe Moore Award Semifinalist**.

2021: Murphy did not see action as a first-year freshman offensive lineman in 2021. He had surgery on his fractured left foot and missed USC's last 7 games (Utah, Notre Dame, Arizona, Arizona State, UCLA, BYU, California).

HIGH SCHOOL: He made **2020 PrepStar All-American** and **2021 MaxPreps All-State first team**, **Los Angeles Times All-Area first team** and **All-Trinity League first team** as a

senior 2-way tackle at JSerra Catholic High in San Juan Capistrano (Calif.).

PERSONAL: He is majoring in Sociology at USC.

[46] COREY NERHUS
Wide Receiver, 5-9, 185, Sr./Sr.
Huntington Beach, Calif. (Mater Dei HS/
Orange Coast CC)

2024: Nerhus will compete for playing time as a senior wide receiver in 2024.

2023: Nerhus did not see action as a junior wide receiver in 2023.

2022: Nerhus did not see action as a sophomore wide receiver in 2022.

HIGH SCHOOL: As a senior in 2020, he was a member of the Mater Dei varsity football team. Current Trojans Raesjon Davis, Kyrion Hudson, Josiah Zamora and Solomon Tuliapupuu also prepped at Mater Dei.

PERSONAL: He is majoring in Human Biology. He attended Orange Coast Community College before transferring to USC as a sophomore in 2021 and joining the team in 2022 as a junior. His grandfather graduated from USC.

[17] DECARLOS NICHOLSON
Cornerback, 6-3, 195, Sr./Gr.
Petal, Miss. (Petal HS/Mississippi Gulf Coast
CC/Mississippi State)

CAREER: In his 2-year career at Mississippi State, he recorded 47 tackles, including 4 for loss and 3 PBUs while appearing in 25 games with 7 starts.

2024: Nicholson, who transferred to USC in the spring of 2024 from Mississippi State, looks to compete for playing time in the Trojan secondary as a redshirt senior (with 1 year of eligibility remaining).

MISSISSIPPI STATE: As a 2023 senior, he collected 42 tackles, including 2 for loss of 4 yards and 2 PBUs while appearing in 12 games with 7 starts.

As a 2022 junior, he recorded 5 tackles and 1 PBU while appearing in 13 games.

MISSISSIPPI GULF COAST CC: Nicholson was ranked the No. 6 JUCO prospect by 247Sports, No. 10 by Rivals and No. 13 by ESPN. He was tabbed as the No. 3 cornerback in the JUCO class by 247Sports and No. 4 by ESPN. He was recognized as the No. 2 junior college product in the state of Mississippi.



MASON MURPHY

He converted to cornerback as a sophomore after playing quarterback as a freshman at MGCCC. He made 19 tackles, including 2 for loss, and 16 PBUs as a sophomore in 2021.

He played in all 6 games as a freshman quarterback in 2020 and completed 16-of-36 (44.4%) passes for 178 yards and rushed 25 times for 210 yards (8.4 avg.).

HIGH SCHOOL: Nicholson was ranked as a three-star prospect by 247Sports.

As a senior quarterback in 2019, he went 127-of-217 (58.5%) for 1,942 yards and 17 TDs with 6 interceptions. He also had 63 carries for 411 yards (6.5 avg.) and 6 TDs. He led Petal HS to the Class 6A South State championship game.

As a junior in 2018, he went 113-of-215 (52.6%) for 1,446 yards and 11 TD with 4 INTs. He also recorded 107 carries for 507 yards (4.7 avg.) and 4 TDs.

PERSONAL: He earned his bachelor's degree in Kinesiology from Mississippi State in 2023. He is currently pursuing a certificate in Gerontology at USC.

[77] ALANI NOA
Offensive Lineman, 6-4, 333, So./So.
Sacramento, Calif. (Grant Union HS)

2024: Noa will compete for playing time on the offensive line as a sophomore in 2024.

2023: Noa saw action in 6 games (San Jose State, Nevada, Stanford, Utah, UCLA and the Holiday Bowl versus Louisville) making 1 start on the offensive line as a true freshman in 2023.

Noa became the first USC true freshman to start at left guard in a season opener since Toa Lobendahn started the opener at left guard in 2014 vs. Fresno State on Aug. 30. The last true freshman to start any game at left guard for USC was Courtland Ford in 2020 vs. Washington State on Dec. 6.

HIGH SCHOOL: He made **2023 PrepStar All-Western Region** and **2022 MaxPreps All Sac-Joaquin Section First Team** as a senior offensive lineman at Grant Union (Calif.) HS. He helped Grant capture the 2022 CIF State 3-AA title and D4 State Team of the Year honors.

[67] KILIAN O'CONNOR
Offensive Lineman, 6-1, 291, Jr./Jr.
Ladera Ranch, Calif. (Santa Margarita
Catholic HS)

2024: O'Connor will compete for playing time on the offensive line as a junior in 2024.

2023: O'Connor saw action in 7 games (San Jose State, Nevada, Stanford, Arizona, Notre Dame, Oregon and the Holiday Bowl versus Louisville) at center as a sophomore in 2023.

2022: O'Connor did not see action as a freshman offensive lineman in 2022.

HIGH SCHOOL: He was a 3-year starter at center and offensive guard at Santa Margarita Catholic High in Rancho Santa Margarita (Calif.). As a 2021 senior, he made **Cal-Hi Sports All-State second team**, **All-CIF Division**

1, Orange County Register All-Orange County first team and All-Trinity League first team, as well as Academic All-American.

He made **All-Trinity League second team** as a 2020 junior.

As a sophomore in 2019, he was **Cal-Hi Sports Sophomore All-American first team** and **All-Trinity League first team.**

PERSONAL: He is majoring in Business Administration at USC.

[72] ELIJAH PAIGE
Offensive Lineman, 6-7, 316, Fr.*/So.
Phoenix, Ariz. (Pinnacle HS)

2024: Paige will compete for playing time on the offensive line as a redshirt freshman in 2024.

2023: Paige, who enrolled at USC in the spring of 2023 after graduating a semester early from high school, saw action in 5 games (San Jose State, Nevada, Stanford, UCLA and the Holiday Bowl versus Louisville) on the offensive line making 1 start (Holiday Bowl) at left tackle as a true freshman in 2023.

HIGH SCHOOL: He made the **2022 Arizona 6A Northeast Valley All-Region** list as a senior offensive lineman at Pinnacle (Ariz.) HS. He was one of four player-elected captains for the 2022 Pinnacle squad.

Paige primarily saw action at left tackle as a 2021 junior.

He also played basketball for Pinnacle.

Current Trojan Duce Robinson also prepped at Pinnacle.

PERSONAL: He is majoring in Journalism at USC.

[35] DJ PEEVY
Defensive End, 6-3, 256, Fr.*/So.
San Diego, Calif. (Lincoln HS)

2024: Peevy will compete for playing time at defensive end as a redshirt freshman in 2024.

2023: Peevy redshirted and did not see any action at rush end as a true freshman in 2023.

HIGH SCHOOL: He earned **2023 PrepStar All-Western Region** honors as he had **31 tackles, 5 sacks** and 1 interception as a senior defensive end and outside linebacker at Lincoln (Calif.) HS. Peevy helped Lincoln HS to their first-ever Open Division CIF-SDS Title, beating De La Salle in the 2022 Division 1-AA Championship.



ELIJAH PAIGE

He began his career playing safety as a freshman, including at the National Preps Camp, but transitioned into the defensive end role for Lincoln during his junior and senior seasons. He recorded 37 tackles and 3 sacks as a 2021 junior.

A multi-sport athlete, Peevy played basketball and ran track. He was part of Lincoln's 4x100 and 4x400m relay teams that finished first and second, respectively in the 2021 CIF Finals.

PERSONAL: He is majoring in Communication at USC.

[94] KOBE PEPE
Defensive Lineman, 6-2, 310, Sr.*/Sr.
Long Beach, Calif. (St. John Bosco HS)

CAREER: He has appeared in 3 games in his career, making 3 tackles.

2024: Pepe will battle for playing time on the defensive line as a redshirt senior in 2024.

2023: Pepe appeared in 4 games (San Jose State, Nevada, Stanford and the Holiday Bowl versus Louisville) on the defensive line as a redshirt junior in 2023. He recorded 4 tackles (2 against Nevada and 1 versus Stanford and Louisville).

2022: Pepe saw action in 1 game versus Colorado as a redshirt sophomore in 2022.

2021: Pepe was sidelined as a redshirt freshman defensive lineman in 2021 after having right shoulder surgery.

2020: Pepe, who enrolled at USC in the spring of 2020 after graduating a semester early from high school, was a backup defensive lineman as a first-year freshman in 2020. Overall in 2020 while appearing in 2 games (Utah and Washington State), he had 3 tackles (all versus Washington State).

HIGH SCHOOL: He made **2019 PrepStar All-American, Tacoma News Tribune Western 100, Cal-Hi Sports All-State first team, All-CIF Division 1 Defensive Player of the Year, Los Angeles Times All-Area first team, Southern California News Group All-Region, Long Beach Press Telegram Dream Team first team** and **All-Trinity League Most Valuable Defensive Lineman** as a senior defensive tackle at St. John Bosco High in Bellflower (Calif.). He had 80 tackles, including 12.5 for losses (with 11 sacks), 5 deflections and a forced fumble in 2019. St. John Bosco won the 2019 CIF Division 1 and California State Open championships.

As a junior in 2018, he made **Cal-Hi Sports Junior All-State honorable mention** while getting 68 tackles, including 5 for losses (with a sack), plus a deflection and a forced fumble.

He had 19 tackles and 2 deflections as a 2017 sophomore.

PERSONAL: He is majoring in Social Sciences with an emphasis in Psychology at USC with minors in Real Estate Development and American Studies. He was named after late Lakers star Kobe Bryant.

[31] HANK PEPPER
Long Snapper, 6-1, 204, Jr.*/Sr.
Chandler, Ariz. (Chandler HS/Michigan State)

CAREER: In his 3-year career at Michigan State (2021-23), he played in 22 games as the Spartan's starting long snapper. He recorded 9 tackles and 1 fumble recovery.

2024: Pepper, who transferred to USC in the spring of 2024 from Michigan State, looks to compete to be USC's starting long snapper as a redshirt junior.

MICHIGAN STATE: In 2023, he started at long snapper in first 4 games of the season to preserve his redshirt season. He recorded 1 fumble recovery.

As a sophomore in 2022, he started at long snapper in the first 5 games of the season, but missed the final 7 games with an injury. He collected 5 tackles.

As a freshman in 2021, he served as Michigan State's starting long snapper in all 13 games for the Spartans. He tallied 4 tackles.

HIGH SCHOOL: Pepper, a three-star recruit, was ranked as the No. 1 long snapper in the nation by 247Sports and No. 2 by ESPN. He was touted as the No. 39 player in the state of Arizona by ESPN and No. 63 by 247Sports. He was also recognized as one of the top linebackers in the state of Arizona.

As a senior in 2020, he was named the **6A Conference Premier Region Defensive Player of the Year** after recording 108 tackles in 10 games, including 8 for loss (with 3 sacks), 3 forced fumbles, 3 PBUs and 1 fumble recovery. He was selected to the **MaxPreps All-State First Team** and was named the **Chandler Unified School District Defensive Player of the Year**. He helped the Wolves to an undefeated 10-0 record and their fifth consecutive state championship, including their second straight Open Division state title.

As a junior in 2019, he recorded 44 tackles, including 5 TFLs, 2 PBUs and 1 INT.

PERSONAL: He is majoring in American Popular Culture at USC.

[22] A'MARION PETERSON
Running Back, 6-0, 220, Fr.*/So.
Wichita Falls, Texas (Hitschi HS)

2024: Peterson will compete for playing time at running back as a redshirt freshman in 2024.

2023: Peterson, who enrolled at USC in the spring of 2023 after graduating a semester early from high school saw action in 2 games (San Jose State and Stanford) at running back as a true freshman in 2023. He had 2 carries for 14 yards (7.0 avg.).

HIGH SCHOOL: He was named the **2022 All-District 3-4A Division II MVP** as a senior running back at Hirschi (Texas) HS. He was selected to be on the final ballot for the 2022 Whataburger Super Team and named to 2022 Mr. Texas Football Player of the Year Top 100 Watch List.

In 2022, Peterson rushed for 330 yards on 24 carries (13.8 avg.) with 6 TDs and caught 3 passes for 54 yards, helping Hirschi go 9-3 overall and place first in its district.

As a junior, he rushed for 1,817 yards on 238 carries (7.6 avg.) with 28 TDs and caught 15

passes for 181 yards and 2 TDs. He also tossed 1 TD pass for 85 yards. He was named the **Texas District 4-4A-I Offensive MVP** and selected to the **2021 Third Team All-North Texas**.

Peterson was a **2020 Texas District 4-4A D-I First Team** selection as a sophomore.

He also ran track at Hirschi HS.

PERSONAL: He is majoring in Communication at USC.

(24) CHRISTIAN PIERCE
Safety, 6-1, 195, So./So.
Fontana, Calif. (Rancho Cucamonga HS)

2024: Pierce will compete for playing time at safety as a sophomore in 2024.

2023: Pierce, who enrolled at USC in the spring of 2023 after graduating a semester early from high school, saw action in 10 games (all except Colorado, Arizona and the Holiday Bowl versus Louisville), mostly on special teams, as a true freshman in 2023. He recorded 7 tackles.

He had 1 tackle against Nevada, Stanford and Notre Dame. He collected 3 tackles versus Oregon and 1 tackle in the Holiday Bowl against Louisville.

HIGH SCHOOL: He was named to the **2022 All-Baseline League** and selected as the **League Defensive MVP** as a safety at Rancho Cucamonga (Calif.) HS.

In 2022, he recorded 65 tackles with 4.5 for loss and 3.0 sacks. He also tallied 3 INTs, 4 PBUs and 1 fumble recovery.

As a junior, he was named to the **2021 All-CIF Southern Section Division 3 team** after he led the varsity team with 103 tackles and 1.0 for loss with 1.0 sack. He also tallied 9 INTs, 5 PBUs and 1 fumble recovery.

PERSONAL: He is majoring in Astronomy at USC.

(39) GARRETT POMERANTZ
Defensive End, 6-2, 216, Jr./Jr.
Las Vegas, Nev. (Bishop Gorman HS)

2024: Pomerantz will compete for playing time at defensive end as a junior in 2024.

2023: Pomerantz did not see action at rush end as a sophomore in 2023.

2022: Pomerantz did not see action at rush end as a freshman in 2022.

HIGH SCHOOL: He had 31 tackles, including 3 sacks, and 1 interception for a TD



CHRISTIAN PIERCE

as a 2021 senior linebacker at Bishop O'Gorman High in Las Vegas (Nev.). Bishop Gorman won the 2021 state Class 5A championship. Current Trojans Zachariah Branch and Zion Branch also prepped at Bishop Gorman.

PERSONAL: He is majoring in Health Promotion at USC. He earned placement on the **2023 Pac-12 Fall Academic Honor Roll**.

(70) EMMANUEL PREGNON
Offensive Lineman, 6-5, 320, Sr.*/Sr.
Denver, Colo. (Jefferson HS/Wyoming)

CAREER: He has appeared in 24 games in his career, with 12 starts (12 games at left guard).

2024: Pregnon, a veteran starter, will return for the Trojans as an offensive lineman as a redshirt senior in 2024.

2023: Pregnon, who transferred to USC in the fall of 2023 from Wyoming, saw action in all 13 games on the offensive line as a redshirt junior in 2023. He started 12 times at left guard.

WYOMING: After not appearing in any games in 2020 and redshirting in 2021, he moved into the starting lineup at right guard for the Cowboys as a redshirt sophomore in 2022. He graded out as the No. 3 guard in the Mountain West according to PFF and earned **Freshman All-America** recognition. He started all 11 games he played in and only allowed two sacks.

PERSONAL: He is majoring in American Studies and Ethnicity at USC.

(66) GINO QUINONES
Offensive Lineman, 6-3, 302, Sr.*/Sr.
Ewa Beach, Hawaii (Saint Louis HS)

CAREER: He has appeared in 19 games in his career, with 2 starts (1 at left guard and 1 at right guard).

2024: Quinones returns from injury, healthy and ready to compete for a starting spot on the offensive line as a redshirt senior in 2024.

2023: Quinones saw action in 2 games (San Jose State and Nevada) with 1 start (San Jose State) before suffering a season-ending injury that sidelined him for the remainder of the 2023 season.

2022: Quinones saw action in all 14 games, with 2 starts (Arizona State and the Cotton Bowl versus Tulane) as a redshirt junior in 2022. He started once at right guard and once at left guard. He helped the Trojan offensive line unit to



GINO QUINONES

be selected as a **Joe Moore Award Semifinalist**.

2021: Quinones appeared in 5 games (Utah, Notre Dame, Arizona State, UCLA, BYU, California) on special teams as a redshirt sophomore offensive lineman in 2021.

2020: Quinones did not see action on the offensive line as a redshirt freshman in 2020.

2019: Quinones, who enrolled at USC in the spring of 2019 after graduating a semester early from high school, redshirted as a center and offensive guard as a first-year freshman in 2019. He was slowed in 2019 with a wrist injury.

HIGH SCHOOL: He made **2018 PrepStar All-Western Region, Honolulu Star-Advertiser All-State first team** and **USA Today All-Hawaii second team** as a senior defensive lineman at Saint Louis School in Honolulu (Hi.).

He also played basketball at Saint Louis.

PERSONAL: He is majoring in Geodesign at USC. He is the first Trojan letterman with a last name starting with "Q."

(2) ISAIAH RAIKES
Defensive Lineman, 6-1, 313, Sr.*/Gr.,
Woodbury, N.J., (St. Augustine Prep/Texas A&M)

CAREER: In his 4-year career at Texas A&M (2020-23), he played in 36 games with 5 starts. He recorded 43 tackles, including 4.5 for loss (with 1.5 sacks), 1 PBU and 1 forced fumble.

2024: Raikes, who transferred to USC in the spring of 2024 from Texas A&M, looks to compete for playing time on the USC defensive line as a redshirt senior in 2024 (with 1 year of eligibility remaining).

TEXAS A&M: As a redshirt junior in 2023, he recorded 17 tackles, including 3 for loss (with 1 sack), 1 PBU and 1 forced fumble while appearing in all 12 games with 1 start.

As a redshirt sophomore in 2022, he tallied 17 tackles, including 1.5 for loss (with 0.5 sack) while appearing in all 12 games.

As a redshirt freshman in 2021, he collected 8 tackles.

Raikes redshirted as a true freshman in 2020 and did not see any action for the Aggies.

HIGH SCHOOL: Raikes, a four-star recruit, was ranked the No. 6 player in the state of New Jersey by Rivals and No. 15 by 247Sports. He was touted as the No. 15 defensive lineman in the nation by Rivals and No. 61 by 247Sports. recorded 53 tackles, including 11 for loss (with 4 sacks), 16 QB hurries, 2 PBU, a forced fumble and a blocked punt. On offense, he had 62 carries for 274 yards (4.4 avg.) with 8 TDs.

PERSONAL: He earned his bachelor's degree in Agriculture and Communication/Journalism from Texas A&M in 2023. He is currently pursuing a certificate in Gerontology at USC.

(7) KAMARI RAMSEY
Safety, 6-0, 204, So.*/Jr.
Palmdale, Calif. (Sierra Canyon HS/UCLA)

2024: Ramsey, who transferred to USC in the spring of 2024 from UCLA, looks to compete for playing time at safety as a redshirt sophomore in 2024 (with 3 years of eligibility

remaining).

UCLA: As a redshirt freshman in 2023, he recorded 40 tackles, including 2.5 for loss, 5 PBUs and 1 INT while appearing in 11 games with 11 starts.

Ramsey redshirted as a true freshman in 2022, but appeared in 4 games and collected 6 tackles.

HIGH SCHOOL: Ramsey, a four-star recruit, was touted as the No. 10 safety in the nation by ESPN. He was rated the No. 12 prospect in the state of California by Rivals, No. 13 by ESPN and No. 14 by 247Sports. He was named a **2022 Polynesian Bowl All-Star**.

PERSONAL: He is majoring in Communication at USC. While at UCLA, he earned placement on the **2023 Pac-12 Fall Academic Honor Roll**. He also was named to the **UCLA Athletic Director's Honor Roll for Fall 2022, Spring 2023 and Fall 2023**.

(73) TOBIAS RAYMOND
Offensive Lineman, 6-7, 314, Fr./So.
Ventura, Calif. (Ventura HS)

2024: Raymond will compete for playing time on the offensive line as a redshirt freshman in 2024.

2023: Raymond redshirted as a true freshman offensive lineman in 2023, but saw action in 2 games (Nevada and Stanford).

HIGH SCHOOL: He made **2023 PrepStar All-Western Region** as a senior offensive lineman at Ventura (Calif.) HS. He was named the **2022 All-Channel League Offensive Lineman of the Year**, the **Ventura HS Tyler Ebell Offensive MVP** and the **Ventura High Offensive Lineman of the Year**.

As a 2021 junior, Raymond received the **CIF Lineman of the Year Award** while playing offensive tackle and defensive lineman. In 2021, he was selected to the **All-CIF Southern Section Division 9 Team** and the **All-Ventura County Football Coaches Team**.

Raymond also played basketball, soccer and baseball.

PERSONAL: He is double-majoring in Economics and Math at USC.

(15) JADEN RICHARDSON
Wide Receiver, 6-1, 210, Sr./Gr.
San Mateo, Calif. (Menlo School/Tufts)

CAREER: In his 4-year career at Tufts (2020-23), he played in 22 games with 9 starts. He recorded 92 receptions for 1,564 yards (17.0 avg.) with a long of 82 yards and 20 TDs. He had 1 kickoff return for no gain.

2024: Richardson, who transferred to USC in the spring of 2024 from Tufts, looks to compete for playing time at wide receiver as a redshirt senior in 2024.

TUFTS: As a senior in 2023, he was named to the **All-NESCAC First Team** and also was awarded the **2023 NESCAC Co-Offensive Player of the Year**. Additionally, Richardson earned placement on the **D3Football.com All-Region First Team** and the **D3Football.com All-American Fourth Team**. He recorded 46 receptions for 830 yards (18.0 avg.) with a team-leading 13 TDs while playing and starting in all 9 games. He was second in the NESCAC in TDs

and third in receiving yards. He recorded five multi-touchdown games which led all NESCAC receivers. He also had 1 kick return for no gain.

As a junior in 2022, he tallied 41 receptions for 666 yards (16.2 avg.) while appearing in all 9 games.

As a sophomore in 2021, he had 5 catches for 68 yards (13.6 avg.) while appearing in 4 games.

His 2020 freshman season was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

HIGH SCHOOL: Richardson was a **two-time All-Bay Area First Team** and **All-League selection** at Menlo HS. A **team captain**, he was named the **2019 PAL Wide Receiver of the Year**.

He was also the **team captain** of the Menlo track and field team while running the 100 and 200.

PERSONAL: He earned his bachelor's degree in Economics from Tufts in 2023. He is currently pursuing a certificate in Gerontology at USC. His father, Damon, ran track at UC Riverside.

(2) DUCE ROBINSON
Wide Receiver, 6-6, 215, So./So.
Phoenix, Ariz. (Pinnacle HS)

2024: Robinson will look to be an active contributor to the Trojan receiving corps as a sophomore wide receiver in 2024.

2023: Robinson saw action in 10 games (all but Arizona State, Notre Dame and California) at wide receiver as a true freshman in 2023. He recorded 16 receptions for 351 yards (21.9 avg.) with a long of 71 and 2 TDs. He also recorded 1 blocked kick.

He had 3 catches for 44 yards (14.7 avg.) against San Jose State. He recorded 1 catch for 71 yards (his season-long) and 1 TD versus Nevada. He collected 4 receptions for 71 yards (17.8 avg.) against Stanford. He tallied 1 catch for 43 yards and 1 blocked kick against Washington. He had 2 catches for 46 yards (23.0 avg.) versus Oregon. He collected 4 receptions for 32 yards (8.0 avg.) against UCLA. He collected 1 catch for 44 yards and a TD in the Holiday Bowl versus Louisville.

BASEBALL: Robinson also plays baseball for the Trojans.

HIGH SCHOOL: He was a **2022 MaxPreps First Team All-American** after he had 84 receptions for 1,614 yards (19.2 avg.) and 14 TDs as a senior in 2022. Robinson was selected to the **2023 Under Armour All-American Game** and the **2023 Polynesian Bowl**. He was named the **2022 6A Northeast Valley Region Offensive Player of the Year**. Defensively, he recorded 11 tackles with 1 for loss and 1 pass deflection. On special teams, he fielded punts and tallied 16 for 155 yards (9.7 avg.). He also made the **2022 Elite 11 7on7 All-Tournament Team**. According to 247Sports Composite, Robinson was a five-star recruit and was the **No. 1 ranked tight end in the nation, the No. 1 player in the state of Arizona and the No. 17 recruit in the nation**.

As a junior, he was named to the **2021 MaxPreps Junior All-America First Team**. He rushed for 43 yards on 4 carries (10.8 avg.) and tallied 60 receptions for 972 yards and 8 TDs. He also threw 1 TD pass for 29 yards.

As a sophomore, he was selected as a

2020 MaxPreps Sophomore All-American.

He collected 27 receptions for 347 yards (12.9 avg.) and 2 TDs, and as a freshman, he tallied 4 receptions for 73 yards (18.3 avg.) and rushed for 16 yards on 1 carry.

Robinson is a two-sport standout and was a highly touted baseball recruit as well. As an outfielder, he competed in the **2022 Baseball Factory All-America Game** and the **2022 Area Code Games**. Robinson is the third athlete ever to be named "**Under Armour All-American**" in both baseball and football (joining Kyler Murray and AJ Brown).

Current Trojan Elijah Paige also prepped at Pinnacle.

PERSONAL: He is majoring in Communication at USC. His father, Dominic Robinson, played football at Florida State (2001-2004). Like Duce, his father was also a two-sport star coming out of high school as a five-star football recruit who was also drafted by the Minnesota Twins. His mother, Mary Beth Robinson, was a swimmer at Florida.

(95) TYLER ROBLES
Placekicker, 5-7, 182, Fr./So.
Encinitas, Calif. (La Costa Canyon HS)

2024: Robles will compete for playing time at placekicker as a redshirt freshman in 2024.

2023: Robles saw action in 2 games (Nevada and the Holiday Bowl against Louisville) at placekicker as a true freshman in 2023. He was 1-of-1 in PATs versus Nevada. He had 3 kickoffs in the Holiday Bowl against Louisville for 174 yards.

HIGH SCHOOL: He went 7-of-9 on field goals as a senior at La Costa Canyon (Calif.) HS, boasting a career long of 52 yards. Also made kicks from 48, 47 and 46 yards that season and went 27-of-28 on extra point attempts. He was named the **Avocado League Kicker of the Year** as a senior and led the CIF Southern Section with 47 touchbacks on 52 kickoffs.

(28) GAGE ROY
Quarterback, 6-2, 203, Jr./Jr.
Dallas, Texas (Jesuit Dallas HS)

2024: Roy will compete at quarterback as a junior in 2024.

2023: Roy did not see action at quarterback as a sophomore in 2023.

2022: Roy did not see action at quarterback as a first-year freshman in 2022.

HIGH SCHOOL: He made **2021 All-District 7-6A first team** as a senior quarterback at Jesuit Dallas (Tex.) Prep. He completed 202-of-286 passes (70.6%) for 2,798 yards with 28 touchdowns and 4 interceptions in 2022, as well as gaining 54 yards on 32 carries (1.7 avg.) with 2 TDs.

As a junior in 2020, he made **All-District second team** as he hit 186-of-268 passes (69.4%) for 2,714 yards with 28 TDs and 8 interceptions and he also ran for 50 yards on 30 carries (1.7 avg.) with 2 scores.

PERSONAL: He is majoring in Real Estate Development at USC. He earned placement on



the **2023 Pac-12 Fall Academic Honor Roll**. His mother and grandfather are USC graduates. His family has had USC football season tickets for more than 50 years.

(27) BRYSON SHAW
Safety, 6-0, 190, Sr./Gr.
Eldersburg, Md. (Bullis School/Ohio State)

CAREER: In his 5-year collegiate career (3 years at Ohio State, 2 years at USC), he has 169 tackles, including 4 for loss (with 0.5 sack), 9 pass breakups, 2 INTs, 2 fumble recoveries while appearing in 48 games (with 20 starts).

2024: Shaw, an experienced member of the USC secondary, will return to make an impact at safety as a redshirt senior in 2024.

2023: Shaw recorded 57 tackles (fourth on the team), including 2.5 for loss (with 0.5 sack) a 1 pass breakup as a redshirt senior in 2023 while appearing in all 13 games and starting 3 times (Colorado, Utah and Washington).

He tallied 2 tackles against San Jose State and 3 tackles versus Nevada. He had 5 tackles against Stanford and 6 tackles versus Arizona State. He collected 6 tackles, including 1 for loss of 3 yards, versus Colorado. He had 3 tackles against Arizona and 4 tackles versus Notre Dame. He recorded 6 tackles against Utah and a season-high 10 tackles and 1 pass breakup versus California. He recorded 4 tackles against Washington and 3 tackles, including 1 for loss of 1 yard, versus UCLA. He had 5 tackles, including 0.5 for loss of 3 yards (with 0.5 sack for minus 3 yards) in the Holiday Bowl against Louisville.

2022: Shaw recorded 50 tackles (5th on the team), including 1 for loss, plus 4 pass breakups, 1 INT and 1 fumble recovery while appearing in all 14 games and starting 5 times (California, Colorado, UCLA, Notre Dame, and the Pac-12 Championship versus Utah).

He tallied 2 tackles against both Oregon State and Washington State, and decorated his stat sheet versus Arizona where he had 7 tackles, including 1 for loss of 3 yards, 1 interception and 1 pass breakup. He was named the **Pac-12 Defensive Player of the Week** after his performance at Arizona. He led the team in tackles versus Cal with 11 and had 1 pass breakup, and then recorded 4 tackles against Colorado. He had 8 tackles against UCLA and 6 tackles against Notre Dame. In the Pac-12 Championship game versus Utah, he notched 5 tackles, 2 pass breakups and 1 fumble recovery. He collected 5 tackles in the Cotton Bowl against Tulane.

OHIO STATE: He posted 59 tackles (3rd on the team), including 0.5 for a loss, plus 3 deflections, an interception and a fumble recovery while appearing in all 13 games (and starting 12 times, all but the Minnesota opener) at safety as a redshirt sophomore in 2020. He had a career-best 9 tackles against Utah in the Rose Bowl (with the fumble recovery), 8 versus Purdue and 6 versus Michigan (with the interception, at the goal line).

As a redshirt freshman in 2020, he made 1 tackle and 1 deflection while appearing as a backup in 5 games (Nebraska, Penn State, Rutgers, Michigan State and Alabama in the CFP Championship Game).

He played in 3 games (Miami Ohio, Maryland, Rutgers) as a first-year freshman reserve,

getting 2 tackles, and was able to redshirt.

HIGH SCHOOL: He was the **2018 Interstate Athletic Conference Defensive Player of the Year** as a senior safety and wide receiver at The Bullis School in Potomac (Md.). In 2018, he had 21 tackles, including 1.5 for losses, and a deflection on defense, ran for 257 yards on 37 carries (6.9 avg) with 3 TDs and caught 4 passes for 52 yards (13.0 avg) with a TD on offense and returned 6 kickoffs for 111 yards (18.5 avg) and 3 punts for 2 yards (0.7 avg).

As a 2017 junior, he made 30 tackles, including 2 for losses, plus 3 interceptions, 2 deflections, 2 forced fumbles and a fumble recovery for a TD on defense, caught 27 passes for 473 yards (17.5 avg) with 5 TDs and ran for 198 yards on 39 carries (5.1 avg) with a TD on offense and returned 10 kickoffs for 182 yards (18.2 avg) with a TD and 4 punts for 17 yards (4.3 avg).

As a 2016 sophomore, he had 21 tackles, including 1.5 sacks, and an interception return for a TD on defense, ran for 106 yards on 10 carries (10.6 avg), caught 2 passes for 24 yards (12.0 avg) and completed 2-of-4 passes (50.0%) for 49 yards with a TD on offense and had 5 kickoff returns for 91 yards (18.2 avg).

He also was an **All-American lacrosse player** at Bullis, helping his team win the 2019 national tournament.

PERSONAL: He earned his bachelor's degree in Political Science from USC. He is now pursuing a certificate in Gerontology. He was a **2-time (2020-21) Academic All-Big Ten honoree and a 3-time (2019-21) OSU Scholar-Athlete** while at Ohio State.

(34) BRAYLAN SHELBY
Defensive End, 6-5, 250, So./So.
Friendsworth, Texas (Friendswood HS)

2024: Shelby will compete for playing time at defensive end as a sophomore in 2024.

2023: Shelby saw action in all 13 games at rush end as a true freshman in 2023. He recorded 18 tackles, including 4 for loss (with 2 sacks) and 1 fumble recovery.

He had 1 tackle against San Jose State and 3 tackles, including 2 for loss of 10 yards (with 1 sack for minus 9 yards) and 1 fumble recovery versus Nevada. He recorded 1 tackle against Stanford and 2 tackles versus Arizona State. He collected 2 tackles, including 1 for loss of 4 yards (with 1 sack for minus 4 yards) against Arizona. He tallied 1 tackle against Utah and 1 tackle, including 1 for loss



BRAYLAN SHELBY

of 11 yards, versus California. He recorded 4 tackles against Washington, 2 tackles versus UCLA and 1 tackle in the Holiday Bowl against Louisville.

HIGH SCHOOL: He was a **Texas First Team 10-5A-1 All-District** selection as a 2022 senior at Friendswood (Texas) HS. He was named to the **2022 Houston TD Club Preseason Team** and was selected to be on the final ballot for the Whataburger Super Team.

In 2021, he was as a unanimous **Texas District 9-5A D-1 First Team** selection as a 2021 junior as he recorded 77 tackles, including 12 for loss (with 8 sacks).

He was a **Texas District 9-5A D-1 Second Team** selection as a 2020 sophomore.

Shelby also competed in the triple jump and was a Texas 5A regional qualifier as a 2021 junior.

PERSONAL: He is majoring in Business Administration at USC. His father, Shannon, is a former Arkansas defensive end and his brother, Ty, played defensive end at Louisiana Monroe.

(45) BRANDON SHEPHERD
Safety, 5-11, 200, Jr./Jr.
La Cañada, Calif. (La Cañada HS)

2024: Shepherd will compete for playing time at safety as a junior in 2024.

2023: In his first season on the USC football team, Shepherd did not see action at safety as a sophomore in 2023.

HIGH SCHOOL: As a senior in 2021, he had 122 tackles, including 2 for loss, 3 INTs and 5 pass breakups. He also saw action at running back and wide receiver and recorded 359 yards on 48 carries (7.5 avg.) with 3 TDs. He also tallied 9 receptions for 145 yards (16.1 avg.) with 2 TDs. He was the **2021 Unanimous Rio Hondo League Defensive MVP and Team Defensive MVP**. He also received the **2021 Spartan Award** for his leadership, character and playing ability.

As a sophomore in 2019, he recorded 55 tackles, including 11 for loss (with 3 sacks), and 4 PBUs. He was the 2019 Team Defensive MVP.

He also played baseball and wrestled at La Cañada.

PERSONAL: He is majoring in Human Biology at USC. He was named to the **2023 Pac-12 Fall Academic Honor Roll**.

(1) JAYLIN SMITH
Cornerback, 5-11, 190, Sr./Sr.
Palmdale, Calif. (Alemany HS)

CAREER: In his 3-year collegiate career, Smith has 123 tackles, including 8.5 for loss (with 2 sacks), 3 pass breakups, 2 forced fumbles, 1 QB hurry and an INT, while appearing in 33 games with 22 starts.

2024: Smith, a veteran in the Trojan secondary, will return to make an impact at cornerback as a senior in 2024.

2023: Smith recorded 75 tackles, including 5.5 for loss (with 1 sack), 1 forced fumble, 1 QB hurt and 1 PBU at safety while appearing and starting in 12 games (all but Oregon) as a junior in 2023.

He had a team-leading 8 tackles against San Jose State and 6 tackles, including 2.5 for



loss of 12 yards, versus Nevada. He recorded a team-leading 6 tackles, including 1 for loss of 2 yards, against Stanford. He tallied 6 tackles and 1 forced fumble versus Arizona State. He collected 5 tackles against Colorado and a team-leading 10 tackles, including 1 for loss of 4 yards, versus Arizona. He had 2 tackles against Notre Dame and 3 tackles versus Utah. He recorded 10 tackles against California and 1 tackle and 1 PBU versus Washington. He collected a co-team-leading 6 tackles, including 1 for loss of 7 yards (with 1 sack for minus 7 yards) and 1 QB hurry against UCLA. He tallied a team-leading 12 tackles in the Holiday Bowl versus Louisville. Smith was named **Defensive MVP** of the bowl game.

2022: Overall in 2022, Smith had 37 tackles, including 1 for loss of 4 yards and 2 pass breakup while appearing in 11 games with 9 starts (all but the final 5 games of the season) as a sophomore in 2022.

He had 1 tackle against Rice and 4 tackles against Stanford. He recorded 1 tackle and 1 pass breakup against Fresno State. He tallied 6 tackles at Oregon State and 3 tackles against Arizona State. He notched 5 tackles, including 1 for loss of 4 yards, against Washington State and 7 tackles at Utah. He posted 4 tackles at Arizona and 6 tackles against California.

2021: Smith appeared in USC's first 10 games (all but BYU and California), with 1 start (at Notre Dame), at safety and on special teams as a first-year freshman in 2021. Overall in 2021, he had 11 tackles, including 2 for losses of 9 yards (with 1 sack for 6 yards), an interception, a deflection and a forced fumble. He suffered a concussion against UCLA and missed the BYU and California contests.

He had a tackle against San Jose State, a sack at Washington State, a tackle and interception against Oregon State, 5 tackles at Notre Dame, a deflection against Arizona and 3 tackles (1 for a loss) and a forced fumble against UCLA.

HIGH SCHOOL: He made **2020 PrepStar All-American** as a senior cornerback, wide receiver and running back at Bishop Alemany High in Mission Hills (Calif.).

As a 2019 junior, he was **All-CIF Division 3** when he had 60 tackles (4 for losses) and 2 interceptions (1 for a TD) on defense, caught 10 passes for 211 yards (21.1 avg) with 2 TD and ran for 159 yards on 14 carries (11.4 avg) with 2 TDs on offense and had 8 kickoff returns for 156 yards (19.5 avg) with a TD and a 40-yard punt return.

As a 2018 sophomore, he had 31 tackles (with a sack), 3 interceptions, 3 deflections and 2 forced fumbles on defense, 12 receptions for 162 yards (13.5 avg) and a 9-yard rush on offense and 3 kickoff returns for 110 yards (36.7 avg) with a TD and 4 punt returns for 37 yards (9.3 avg). Current Trojan Miller Moss also prepped at Alemany.

PERSONAL: He is majoring in Communication at USC. He was in the Netflix show "Coach Snoop," about rapper Snoop Dogg and his Snoop Youth Football League.

[61] JACK SUSNJAR
Offensive Lineman, 6-5, 315, Fr.*/So.
San Pedro, Calif. (Loyola HS)

2024: Susnjar will compete for playing

time on the offensive line as a redshirt freshman in 2024.

2023: Susnjar redshirted and did not see action as a true freshman in 2023.

HIGH SCHOOL: He earned **2022 All-Angeles League First Team** honors and was a **2022 All-CIF Southern Section Division 6** selection and a **2022 Cal Hi Sports All-State Team** honoree as a senior at Loyola (Calif.) HS. Carrying a GPA upwards of a 4.0, he was named a **2023 National Football Foundation Scholar Athlete**.

Current Trojan Miller Moss also prepped at Loyola.

PERSONAL: He is majoring in Accounting at USC.

[84] CARSON TABARACCI
Tight End, 6-2, 222, So.*/Jr.
Park City, Utah (Park City HS/Utah)

2024: Tabaracci will compete for playing time at tight end as a redshirt sophomore in 2024.

2023: After moving to the offensive side of the ball to play tight end, Tabaracci recorded 1 reception for 32 yards and 4 tackles on special teams while seeing action in 12 games (all but Arizona State) as a redshirt freshman in 2023.

He had 1 reception for 32 yards in the Holiday Bowl versus Louisville. He recorded 1 tackle against Nevada and Stanford and had 2 versus Louisville.

2022: Tabaracci redshirted as a true freshman in 2022.

UTAH: He spent the spring of 2022 at Utah after graduating a semester early from high school.

HIGH SCHOOL: He was **2021 PrepStar All-Midlands Region** and **All-Region 6 Offensive MVP** as he had 174 carries for 1,188 yards (6.8 avg) with 15 TDs and 23 receptions for 235 yards (10.2 avg) with 2 TDs on offense and made 19 tackles on defense (1 for a loss) as a senior running back, wide receiver, quarterback and linebacker at Park City (Ut.) High.

As a 2020 junior, he had 106 carries for 728 yards (6.9 avg) with 10 TDs, 9 receptions for 131 yards (14.6 avg) with 1 TD and completed 29-of-63 passes (46.0%) for 534 yards with 8 TDs and 3 interceptions on offense and made 8 tackles (1 for a loss) on defense.

As a 2019 sophomore, he had 16 carries for 112 yards (7.0 avg) with a TD and made 4 tackles.

He also played on the basketball, track (long jump) and lacrosse teams at Park City.

PERSONAL: He is majoring in Communication at USC.

[75] AMOS TALALELE
Offensive Lineman, 6-4, 337, Fr.*/So.
Santa Clara, Calif. (Santa Clara HS)

2024: Talalele will compete for playing time on the offensive line as a redshirt freshman in 2024.

2023: Talalele redshirted and saw action 1 game (the Holiday Bowl versus Louisville) as a true freshman in 2023.

HIGH SCHOOL: He was selected as a

2023 Polynesian Bowl All-Star as a senior offensive lineman at Santa Clara (Calif.) HS.

He made the **2021-22 Santa Clara Valley Athletic League First Team** as a junior.

PERSONAL: He is majoring in Communication at USC.

[98] DEVAN THOMPKINS
Defensive End, 6-5, 275, So.*/Jr.
Stockton, Calif. (Edison HS)

2024: Thompson will compete for action at defensive end as a redshirt sophomore in 2024.

2023: Thompson saw action in 2 games (Nevada and Stanford) as a redshirt freshman in 2023. He recorded 1 tackle versus Stanford.

2022: Thompson redshirted as a first-year freshman in 2022. He saw action in 1 game against Colorado and recorded no stats.

HIGH SCHOOL: He made **2021 PrepStar All-Western Region** as he had 9 tackles, 2 deflections and a fumble recovery on defense and caught 3 passes for 24 yards (8.0 avg) on offense as a senior defensive end and tight end at Edison High in Stockton (Calif.). He also played basketball at Edison.

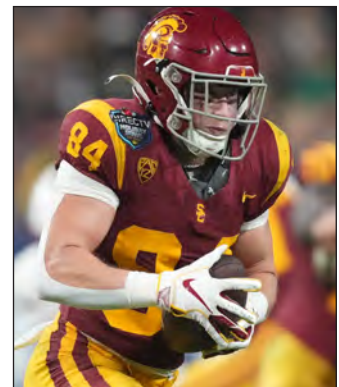
PERSONAL: He had not played football since the sixth grade, and instead concentrated on basketball. His uncle, Larry Grant, played linebacker at City College of San Francisco (he was the 2005 NJCAA Defensive Player of the Year), at Ohio State (2006-07) and in the NFL with the San Francisco 49ers (2008, 2011-12), St. Louis Rams (2008-10), Chicago Bears (2013) and Cleveland Browns (2013), and now has been an assistant football coach in high school, junior college and college.

[58] SOLOMON TULIAUPUPU
Defensive End, 6-3, 247, Sr.*/Gr.
Santa Ana, Calif. (Mater Dei HS)

2024: Tuliaupupu, whose USC career has been slowed by foot and knee injuries, will look to compete for playing time at defensive end as a redshirt senior in 2024.

2023: Tuliaupupu was sidelined for the 2023 season after suffering an injury during training camp.

2022: Tuliaupupu recorded 10 tackles, including 3 for loss (with 2.5 sacks) and 1 QB hurry while appearing in all 14 games as a redshirt senior in 2022.



CARSON TABARACCI



He recorded 1 tackle (the first of his career), including 0.5 for loss of 2 yards (with 0.5 sack for minus 2 yards) against Rice. He collected 2 tackles, including 0.5 for loss of 1 yard versus Stanford. He posted 1 tackle, including 1 for loss of 2 yards (with 1 sack for minus 2 yards against Arizona State. He had 1 tackle against Utah, Arizona, Colorado and UCLA, and had 1 QB hurry versus California. He notched 2 tackles, including 1 for loss of 4 yards (with 1 sack for minus 4 yards) in the Cotton Bowl against Tulane.

2021: Tuliapupu, whose USC career has been slowed by foot and knee injuries, did not see action as a redshirt junior inside linebacker in 2021. He missed 2021 spring practice while recuperating from a 2020 knee injury.

2020: Tuliapupu, after being sidelined his first 2 seasons at USC with a foot injury, was hoping to be able to compete for playing time at inside linebacker as a redshirt sophomore in 2020, but he suffered a knee injury during 2020 summer workouts and had surgery that sidelined him for the season.

2019: Tuliapupu, a redshirt freshman inside linebacker, did not see action in 2019 while recovering from a 2018 foot injury that required additional surgery in 2019 fall camp. After the season, he was granted a sixth year of eligibility by the NCAA for medical reasons.

2018: Tuliapupu redshirted as a first-year freshman inside linebacker in 2018 while sidelined following pre-season foot surgery. He was slowed in 2019 spring drills while recuperating from the foot injury.

HIGH SCHOOL: He won the **2017 High School Butkus Award** and made **2017 USA Today All-USA Defensive Player of the Year, PrepStar Dream Team, Max Preps All-American first team, Tacoma News Tribune Western 100, Orange County Register Feb 15 second team, USA Today All-California Defensive Player of the Year, Cal-Hi Sports All-State first team, All-CIF Division 1 Defensive Player of the Year, Orange County Register All-Orange County first team and All-Trinity League first team** as a senior inside linebacker at Mater Dei High in Santa Ana [Calif.]. In 2017 despite suffering a season-ending foot injury in the playoffs, he had 63 tackles, including 12 for losses (with 4 sacks), a fumble recovery and a forced fumble. Mater Dei went 15-0 in 2017, won the California CIF Division 1 title and the California State Open Division crown and was named the prep national champions. Current Trojans Raesjon Davis, Kyron Hudson, Josiah Zamora, Domani Jackson, Raleek Brown and Corey Nerhus also preppeped at Mater Dei.

He spent his first 3 years of high school at Claremont [Calif.] High. As a 2016 junior, he made **Max Preps Junior All-American first team, Max Preps All-State Medium Schools second team, Cal-Hi Sports All-State Junior first team, All-CIF Division 7, Inland Valley Daily Bulletin All-Area and All-Palomares League MVP** while getting 126 tackles, including 18 for losses (with 2 sacks), 2 fumble recoveries, 1 forced fumble and a blocked field goal.

As a 2015 sophomore, he made **Cal-Hi Sports All-State Sophomore first team** while getting 140 tackles, including 6 for losses (with 1 sack), and a deflection.

As a 2014 freshman, he had 70 tackles (1 for a loss), 3 deflections and a fumble recovery

for a TD.

PERSONAL: He earned his bachelor's degree in Business Administration in the spring of 2022. He has also earned his master's degree in Project Management. He is now pursuing a certificate in Gerontology. He earned placement on the **2023 Pac-12 Fall Academic Honor Roll**. His father, Turnbull, was an offensive lineman at Southern Utah (2000-01). He cut his long hair in 2017 for the first time since the fifth grade as a show of support of cancer victims and survivors. He spent part of his youth in Utah. His full name is Solomon Nokeakua-Stroud Tuliapupu. His nickname is Solo.

[98] GARTH WHITE
Placekicker/Punter, 6-3, 206, Sr./Sr.
Westlake, Calif. (Oaks Christian HS/
Ventura JC)

2024: White will compete for action as a senior placekicker and punter in 2024.

2023: White did not see action as a junior placekicker and punter in 2023.

2022: White did not see action as a sophomore placekicker and punter in 2022.

JUNIOR COLLEGE: He averaged 37.6 yards on 16 punts as a 2021 freshman at Ventura [Calif.] Junior College, with a long of 48 yards and 4 punts pinning opponents inside the 20. He made the **2021 California Community College Football Coaches Association Academic All-State** and the **Southern California Football Association All-Scholar-Athlete teams**.

HIGH SCHOOL: As a 2018 senior at Oaks Christian High in Westlake Village [Calif.], he made **Daily News All-Area first team** as a placekicker when he was 45-of-45 on PATS and 8-of-12 on field goals (with a long of 43 yards and a game-winner in the CIF Division 1 quarterfinals), had 57 kickoffs, and averaged 38.1 yards on 19 punts, with a long of 57 yards.

PERSONAL: He is majoring in Economics at USC.

[86] CJ WOODS
Tight End, 6-2, 255, Sr.*/Sr.
Long Beach, Calif. (Brentwood School/
Cal Poly/Pasadena CC)

2024: Woods will compete for playing time at tight end as a redshirt senior.

2023: Woods, who transferred to USC in the fall of 2023 from Cal Poly, did not see action at tight end as a redshirt junior.

PASADENA CITY COLLEGE: Woods saw action in 10 games and caught 6 passes for 66 yards (11.0 avg) and 1 TD as a redshirt sophomore tight end.

CAL POLY: Woods did not see action as a redshirt freshman in 2021. He redshirted during the three-game spring 2021 season that replaced the 2020 season due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

HIGH SCHOOL: As a senior in 2019, he caught 17 passes for 382 yards and 7 TDs, and defensively, he made 44 tackles, with 10 for loss and 6 sacks, a fumble recovery, a forced fumble and 2 PBUs while on varsity at the Brentwood School [Calif.].

He also played basketball.

PERSONAL: He is majoring in Communication at USC. His mother Dr. Nickey Woods is the USC Gould School of Law's Associate Dean for Student Affairs, Diversity, Inclusion and Belonging, and is the Dean of Students for the JD Program. She earned her doctorate in Educational Leadership, with a concentration in Educational Psychology, at the USC Rossier School of Education. She played basketball at UCLA (1994-96). His father, Andy Jr., played basketball at Montana (1988-90) and Washington (1991-94). His uncle, Maurice, played basketball at Washington (1990-94), while his aunt, Denise, played basketball at USC (1996-2000). His great uncle, Frank Stephens, played football at UCLA (1974-78). His aunt, Sina Hilbert, played basketball at Georgia Southern (2005-09). His cousin, Kayla Stephens, played basketball at Alabama State (2014-18), and another cousin, Torii Hilbert, played football at La Verne (2016-17) and Tennessee-Chattanooga (2018-19).

[44] JOSIAH ZAMORA
Wide Receiver, 5-8, 182, Jr.*/Sr.
Monrovia, Calif. (Mater Dei HS)

2024: Zamora will compete for time at wide receiver as a redshirt junior in 2024.

2023: Zamora saw action in 3 games (Nevada, Stanford and Oregon) as a redshirt sophomore in 2023. He recorded 2 catches for 11 yards (5.5 avg.) against Nevada.

2022: Zamora did not see action as a reserve wide receiver as a redshirt freshman in 2022.

2021: Zamora did not see action as a reserve wide receiver as a first-year freshman in 2021.

HIGH SCHOOL: He made the **2021 All-Trinity League first team** as a senior wide receiver at Mater Dei High in Santa Ana [Calif.]. As a senior, he had 24 receptions for 255 yards (10.6 avg) with 4 TDs.

As a 2019 junior, he caught 24 passes for 251 yards (10.5 avg) with 5 TDs before suffering a broken foot that required surgery.

He had 13 receptions for 211 yards (16.2 avg) with 2 scores as a 2018 sophomore. Current Trojans Solomon Tuliapupu, Raesjon Davis, Kyron Hudson and Corey Nerhus preppeped at Mater Dei.

He spent his 2017 freshman season at Cathedral High in Los Angeles [Calif.], where he caught 43 passes for 708 yards (16.5 avg) with 7 TDs.

PERSONAL: He is majoring in Law, History and Culture at USC. He earned placement on the **2022 and 2023 Pac-12 Academic Honor Roll**.



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DECEMBER SIGNING PERIOD SIGNEES

SPRING ENROLLMENT HIGH SCHOOL PLAYERS

NAME	POS	HGT	WGT	HOMETOWN (HIGH SCHOOL)
Jide Abasiri	DL	6-5	291	Lake Prior, Minn. (Prior Lake HS)
Jarvis Boatwright Jr.	S	6-1	190	Clearwater, Fla. (Clearwater Academy)
Lorenzo Cowan	DE	6-3	230	Savannah, Ga. (Jenkins HS)
Kameryn Fountain	DE	6-6	256	Atlanta, Ga. (Booker T. Washington HS)
Marquis Gallegos	S	6-1	181	West Hills, Calif. (Sierra Canyon HS)
Bryan Jackson	RB	6-0	228	McKinney, Texas (McKinney HS)
Xavier Jordan	WR	5-11	170	Los Angeles, Calif. (Sierra Canyon HS)
Kaylon Miller	DL	6-0	276	Calabasas, Calif. (Calabasas HS)
Elijah Newby	LB	6-3	210	Cheshire, Conn. (Cheshire HS)
Joey Olsen	TE	6-5	248	Lake Oswego, Ore. (Lakeridge HS)
Desman Stephens II	LB	6-3	233	Clarkson, Mich. (Clarkston HS)
Kalolo Ta'aga	OL	6-7	293	Palo Alto, Calif. (Archbishop Riordan HS)
Justin Tauanuu	OL	6-6	305	Huntington Beach, Calif. (Huntington Beach HS)
Marcelles Williams	CB	5-10	182	Carson, Calif. (St. John Bosco HS)
Jason Zandamela	OL	6-3	306	Clearwater, Fla. (Clearwater Academy)

FALL ENROLLMENT HIGH SCHOOL PLAYERS

NAME	POS	HGT	WGT	HOMETOWN (HIGH SCHOOL)
Braylon Conley	CB	6-0	175	Humble, Texas (Atascocita HS)
Carlton Jones	DL	6-3	290	Bay City, Texas (Bay City HS)
Walker Lyons	TE	6-4	230	Folsom, Calif. (Folsom HS)
Walter Matthews	TE	6-7	250	Hiram, Ga. (Hiram HS)
Makai Saina	OL	6-4	290	Arlington, Texas (Martin HS)
Hayden Treter	OL	6-6	300	Englewood, Colo. (Cherry Creek HS)

SPRING ENROLLEE TRANSFERS

NAME	POS	HGT	WGT	HOMETOWN (HIGH SCHOOL/LAST SCHOOL)
Akili Arnold	S	6-0	200	Mission Viejo, Calif. (Mission Viejo HS / Oregon State)
Nate Clifton	DL	6-4	289	La Vergne, Tenn. (Brentwood Academy / Vanderbilt)
John Humphrey	CB	6-2	196	Pasadena, Calif. (John Muir HS / UCLA)
Jayden Maiava	QB	6-4	219	Las Vegas, Nev. (Liberty HS / UNLV)
Woody Marks	RB	5-10	208	Atlanta, Ga. (Carver HS / Mississippi State)
Easton Mascarenas-Arnold	LB	6-0	231	Mission Viejo, Calif. (Mission Viejo HS / Oregon State)
DeCarlos Nicholson	CB	6-3	195	Petal, Miss. (Petal HS / Mississippi State)
Hank Pepper	SNP	6-1	204	Chandler, Ariz. (Chandler HS / Michigan State)
Isaiah Raikes	DL	6-1	313	Woodbury, N.J. (St Augustine Prep / Texas A&M)
Kamari Ramsey	S	6-0	204	Palmdale, Calif. (Sierra Canyon HS / UCLA)
Jaden Richardson	WR	6-1	210	San Mateo, Calif. (Menlo School / Tufts)

FEBRUARY SIGNING PERIOD SIGNEES

HIGH SCHOOL PLAYERS

NAME	POS	HGT	WGT	HOMETOWN (HIGH SCHOOL)
Ratumana Bulabalavu	DL	6-4	285	Stockton, Calif. (Army and Navy Academy)
Isaiah Rubin	CB	6-1	170	Los Alamitos, Calif. (Los Alamitos HS)
Jadyn Walker	LB	6-3	210	Portage, Mich. (Portage Northern HS)



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JIDE ABASIRI

Abasiri is one of the top prospects in the state of Minnesota. He is rated as the No. 3 player in the state of Minnesota by On3, No. 4 by Rivals, No. 5 by 247 Sports and No. 10 by ESPN. He is touted as the No. 29 defensive lineman in the country by On3, No. 49 by Rivals, No. 58 by 247Sports and No. 75 by ESPN. After his senior year at Prior Lake [Minn.] HS, the four-star recruit was named the team's Defensive Lineman of the Year, as well as being selected to the 2023 All-District First Team, the 2023 AP Minnesota All-State First Team, the 2023 Star Tribune All-Metro First Team and Randy Shaver's 2023 KARE 11 All-Metro Football Team. He also competed in the 2023 Minnesota All-Star game. Abasiri, a team captain, also earned placement on the 2023 KARE 11 Preseason All-Metro team, the 2023 Preseason All-State team, was a 2023 Vikings Gatorade Elite Camp prospect and a 2023 PRZ Preseason 6A Player of the Year nominee. He was invited to the 2023 ESPN Elite Underclassman All-American Camp. Abasiri is a three-sport athlete, also competes in wrestling and track and field.

AKILI ARNOLD

(See bio in veteran players section.)

JARVIS BOATWRIGHT JR.

Boatwright is touted as the No. 20 safety in the country by Rivals, No. 54 by ESPN, No. 56 by 247Sports and No. 78 by On3. He is rated as the No. 41 player in the state of Florida by Rivals, No. 81 by 247Sports, No. 83 by ESPN and No. 131 by On3. The four-star recruit was a four-year member of the Clearwater [Fla.] HS varsity football team playing in all three phases of the game. As a senior, he collected 102 tackles, including 3 for loss, 1 INT, 6 PBUs and 1 fumble recovery. He also had 1 punt return for 5 yards [5.0 avg.]. He was named to the 2023 FACA All-District First Team and was a 2023 FACA All-Star selection. He tallied 25 tackles, including 1 for loss, and collected 1 INT as a junior in 2022. He also rushed for 187 yards on 10 carries [18.7 avg.] with 3 TDs and had 1 kickoff return for 50 yards [50.0 avg.]. He was selected to the 2022 Pinellas High School Media Group Honorable Mention Class 5A. As a sophomore in 2021, he notched 67 tackles, including 2 for loss and 4 PBUs. On offense, rushed for 217 yards on 19 carries [11.4 avg.] with 3 TDs. As a 2020 freshman, rushed for 80 yards on 19 carries [4.2 avg.] with 1 TD. Academically, he was named a Pinellas County Scholar-Athlete.

RATUMANA BULABALAVU

Bulabalavu, a four-star recruit, is ranked the No. 31 player in the state of California by 247Sports, No. 50 by ESPN, No. 74 by Rivals and No. 91 by On3. He is touted as the No. 42 defensive lineman in the nation by 247Sports, No. 44 by ESPN and No. 124 by On3. He finished his high school career with 60.5 sacks, which is believed to be among the top 10 totals in state history and a San Diego Section all-time best. As a senior in 2023, he recorded 99 tackles, including 20 for loss [with 19 sacks], 20 QB hurries, 2 PBUs, 2 forced fumbles and 1 INT. He helped lead Army and Navy Academy to the 2023 CIF San Diego Section Division V-AA title game. Bulabalavu was named the 2023

Costal League Defensive Player of the Year and earned placement on the 2023 All-CIF San Diego Section First Team, the 2023 Cal-Hi Sports All-State Small Schools Team and the 2023 All-Costal League First Team. He began the season on the San Diego Prep Football Preseason Watch List and SBLive's 2023 Pre-season All-San Diego Section Team. Bulabalavu was invited to the 2023 Under Armour Next Camp Series and represented San Diego while participating in the 2023 Makasi Bowl. He was nominated as a 2023 National Football Foundation Scholar Athlete and won the 2023 Prep Pigskin Iron Hog award. As a junior in 2022, he tallied 108 tackles, including 30 for loss [with a state-leading 23.5 sacks], 53 QB hurries, 2 PBUs, a blocked punt and a blocked field goal. Bulabalavu recorded the most sacks in the state of California over the 2022 and 2023 seasons [42.5]. He was selected as the 2022 Sunset League Defensive Player of the Year and was also named to the 2022 All-CIF San Diego Section Second Team, the 2022 San Diego Football Network All-Prep Team, the 2022 Daygofootball.com North County First Team and the 2022 Prep Pigskin Report All-51 Team. Prior to the season, he earned placement on the San Diego Prep Football Preseason Watch List. As a sophomore in 2021, he collected 75 tackles with 18 sacks. Bulabalavu also plays rugby and competes in track and field [triple jump, 110-meter hurdles, shot put and discus].

NATE CLIFTON

(See bio in veteran players section.)

BRAYLON CONLEY

Conley, a four-star recruit, was a three-year player on varsity at Atascocita [Texas] HS. He is touted as the No. 36 safety in the country by Rivals, No. 47 by ESPN, No. 53 by 247Sports and No. 86 by On3. He is rated as the No. 53 player in the state of Texas by Rivals, No. 74 by ESPN, No. 108 by 247Sports and No. 169 by On3. As a senior, he was named to the 2023 All-VYPE Houston First Team and was ranked No. 13 on the 2023 VYPE Houston Top 100 players list. He also earned placement on the 2023 Touchdown Club of Houston Preseason Team. As a junior in 2022, Conley was invited to compete at the 2022 Next Level Athlete Texas Top 100 Showcase and was selected to the 2022 All-District 21-6A First Team. As a sophomore, he was named to the 2021 All-District 21-6A First Team. Conley also competes in track and field.

LORENZO COWAN

Cowan, a three-star recruit, is touted as the No. 57 edge in the country by On3, No. 76 by ESPN and No. 79 by 247Sports. He is rated as the No. 64 player in the state of Georgia by On3, No. 92 by ESPN and No. 125 by 247Sports. As a senior at Jenkins [Ga.] HS in 2023, he tallied 76 tackles, including 11 for loss [with 8 sacks], 8 PBUs, 3 blocked field goals and 1 forced fumble. He was named the 2023 5A Region 1 Defensive Player of the Year and was invited to the 2023 Under Armour Next Camp Series. As a junior, he was selected to the 2022 All-5A Region 1 First Team and the 2022 Big 22 ABC WJCL Team after he collected 31 tackles, including 6 for loss [with 8 sacks], 2 PBUs and 1 blocked

field goal. During his sophomore season in 2021, he had 13 tackles, including 1 for loss, 3 PBUs and 1 forced fumble.

KAMERYN FOUNTAIN

Fountain, a four-star recruit, is touted as the No. 7 edge in the country by 247Sports, No. 13 by ESPN, No. 17 by On3 and No. 26 by Rivals. He is rated as the No. 13 player in the state of Georgia by ESPN, No. 16 by 247Sports, No. 23 by On3 and No. 42 by Rivals. He is ranked the No. 78 recruit in the nation by ESPN and No. 85 by 247Sports. He ranked 79th nationally on the ESPN 300 List and 86th on the Top247 List. He was named a 2024 Under Armour All-American and was invited to compete in the 2024 NBC All-American Bowl. As a senior at Booker T. Washington [Ga.] HS, he was named the 2023 Region 6-AA Co-Defensive Player of the Year and earned placement on the 2023 Touchdown Club of Atlanta Preseason All-Star Team. As a 2022 junior, he totaled 56 tackles, including 7 sacks, 8 QBHs, 3 fumble recoveries and a PBU. He was selected to the 2022 GACA Coaches All-State Team, the 2022 All-Region 6-AA First Team and was a 2022 Georgia High School Football Daily All-State Honorable Mention. In his first year of football as a sophomore in 2021, he was named to the 2021 All-Region First Team. Fountain also plays basketball.

MARQUIS GALLEGOS

Gallegos, a four-star recruit, is rated as the No. 20 player in the state of California by ESPN, No. 23 by On3, No. 27 by 247Sports and No. 41 by Rivals. He is touted as the No. 20 safety in the nation by ESPN, No. 23 by On3, No. 26 by 247Sports and No. 41 by Rivals. Gallegos played for Chaminade [Calif.] HS for his first three years before transferring to Sierra Canyon [Calif.] HS for his senior year in 2023. He had an impressive junior year for Chaminade and was named to the 2022 CalHi Sports All-State First Team, the 2022 MaxPreps California All-State, the 2022 Prep RedZone All-Southern California Jr. Team, the 2022 SB Live All-California Team, the 2022 LA Times All-Star Team and the 2022 LA Daily News All-Area First Team. Additionally, he was selected as the 2022 CIF-SS Division II Defensive MVP, the 2022 Mission League Defensive MVP and the 2022 Team MVP.

JOHN HUMPHREY

(See bio in veteran players section.)

BRYAN JACKSON

Jackson, a four-star recruit, is touted as the No. 27 running back in the nation by Rivals, No. 44 by ESPN, No. 49 by On3 and No. 107 by 247Sports. He is rated as the No. 64 player in the state of Texas by Rivals, No. 82 by ESPN, No. 110 by On3 and No. 161 by 247 Sports. As a senior at McKinney [Texas] HS, he rushed for 681 yards on 129 carries [5.3 avg.] for 8 TDs. He also collected 2 receptions for 8 yards [4.0 avg.]. Additionally, he had 1 passing attempt for 42 yards which resulted in a TD. He was named the 2023 District 5-6A Offensive MVP. He also competed at the 2023 Elite 11 finals. As a junior, he rushed for 1,647 yards on 265 carries [6.2 avg.] for 23 TDs. He also tallied 4 receptions for 26 yards [6.5 avg.] He was selected to the 2022 All-District 5-6A First Team, the 2022



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Dallas Morning News All-Area Second Team and the 2022 Star Local Media All-Area Second Team. He was also invited to the 2022 Under Armour Next Camp Series. As a sophomore, he rushed for 973 yards on 203 attempts (4.8 avg.) with 13 TDs and earned placement on the All-District 5-6A First Team. He was invited to the 2021 Under Armour Elite Underclassmen Camp.

CARLON JONES

Jones, a four-star recruit, is rated as the No. 17 defensive lineman in the country by 247Sports, No. 31 by 247Sports, No. 33 by Rivals and No. 49 by ESPN. He is touted as the No. 36 player in the state of Texas by On3, No. 38 by 247Sports and No. 64 by Rivals. He is 237th on the Top 247 List. As a senior at Bay City (Texas) HS, he recorded 95 tackles, including 30 TFLs (with 17.5 sacks) and 23 QBHs. He tied for third in the state in sacks. He was named Texas District 12-4 Division I MVP. Additionally, he was named the Preseason 4A Defensive Player of the Year and selected to the Preseason 4A All-State First Team. He was also invited to compete in the 2023 Under Armour Next Camp Series. As a junior in 2022, he tallied 102 tackles, including 29 for loss (with 13 sacks), 4 QBHs and 1 PBU. He was named the 2022 Texas District 12-4A Division I Co-Defensive MVP and the 2022 Victoria Advocate All-Area Defensive Lineman of the Year. He also earned placement on the Texas Sports Writers Association 4A All-State First Team and the 2022 Padilla Poll All-State Second Team. During his sophomore season, he notched 63 tackles, including 11 for loss (with 2 sacks) and 3 forced fumbles. Offensively, he had 5 receptions for 54 yards (10.8 avg.) and 1 TD. He was named Team Defensive MVP and selected to the 2021 District 12-4A First Team. A three-sport athlete, Jones also plays basketball and competes in track and field as shot putter. In basketball, he earned 2022-23 4A Region IV District 26 Defensive MVP, 2020-21 District 12-4A First Team honors, 2021-22 Academic All-District 25-4A honors and was named Team MVP.

XAVIER JORDAN

Jordan, a four-star recruit, is one of the nation's top prospects. He is rated as the No. 4 player in the state of California by On3, No. 7 by 247 Sports, No. 9 by ESPN and No. 12 by Rivals. He is touted as the No. 13 wide receiver in the country by On3, No. 15 by ESPN, No. 16 by 247Sports and No. 20 by Rivals. He is ranked the No. 68 recruit in the nation by On3, No. 86 by 247Sports, No. 87 by ESPN and No. 95 by Rivals. He ranked 87th nationally on the Top247 List, 88th on the ESPN 300 List and 96th on the Rivals 250 List. He was named a 2024 Under Armour All-American, a 2024 Polynesian Bowl All-Star and was invited to compete in the 2024 NBC All-American Bowl. In his senior season at Sierra Canyon (Calif.) HS in 2023, Jordan caught just 30 passes but turned it into 600 receiving yards (20.0 avg.) and 8 TDs. He was the Wide Receiver MVP at Under Armour Next Camp in 2023. As a junior in 2022, he collected 83 receptions for 1,626 yards (19.6 avg.) and 20 TDs. He scored in 11 of 13 games and had multiple touchdowns in 6 of them with a rate of 1 TD per 3.5 catches. He also recorded

3 tackles and 1 kickoff return for 24 yards (24.0 avg.). He was named to the 2022 MaxPreps California All-State First Team and the 2022 All-CIF Southern Section Division IV Team. As a sophomore in 2021, he had 19 receptions for 324 yards (17.1 avg.) and 1 TD. He also recorded 1 passing attempt and 6 tackles.

WALKER LYONS

Lyons, a four-star recruit, is rated as the No. 2 tight end in the nation by ESPN, No. 4 by Rivals, No. 9 by 247Sports and No. 13 by On3. He is touted as the No. 8 player in the state of California by Rivals, No. 9 by ESPN, No. 11 by 247Sports and No. 15 by On3. He was selected to participate in the 2023 Under Armour All-American game where he was honored as the All-American Bowl's Man of the Year for his high standard of excellence in community service and athletic distinction. In 2022, he suffered a season-ending leg injury in the first game of his senior season. He earned placement on the 2022 Preseason MaxPreps California All-State Team. As a junior, he had 42 receptions for 646 yards (15.4 avg.) and 7 TDs. Defensively, he had 12 tackles with 4 for loss and 1.5 sacks and 1 fumble recovery. On special teams, he punted 4 times for 110 yards (27.5 avg.) with a long of 37 yards and 6 kickoff returns for 50 yards (8.3 avg.) with a long of 12 yards. He was selected to the 2021 MaxPreps California All-State Second Team and the 2021 MaxPreps All-San-Joaquin Section Football Team. As a sophomore, he recorded 17 receptions for 281 yards (16.5 avg.) and 5 TDs. Defensively, he tallied 19 tackles, with 3.5 for loss and 2.0 sacks with 1 pass deflection, 1 fumble recovery and 1 forced fumble. Lyons will join the program in 2024 as he will be leaving to serve a Mormon mission in Norway.

JAYDEN MAIAYA

(See bio in veteran players section.)

JO'QUAVIOUS "WOODY" MARKS

(See bio in veteran players section.)

EASTON MASCARENAS-ARNOLD

(See bio in veteran players section.)

WALTER MATTHEWS

Matthews, a four-star recruit, is touted as the No. 2 tight end in the country by ESPN, No. 11 by On3, No. 13 by 247Sports and No. 14 by Rivals. He is rated as the No. 16 player in the state of Georgia by ESPN and On3, No. 22 by 247Sports and No. 38 by Rivals. He is ranked the No. 105 recruit in the nation by ESPN, No. 132 on On3 and No. 170 by 247Sports. He ranked 106th nationally on the ESPN 300 List and 171st on the Top247 List. During his senior season at Hiram (Ga.) HS in 2023, he recorded 25 receptions for 341 yards (13.6 avg.) and 1 TD. He was named to the 2023 All-Region 7-5A First Team. Matthews participated at the 2023 Nike Elite 11 and The Opening. He also was named to the 2023 Preseason All-State Team. As a junior in 2022, he collected 20 receptions for 425 yards (21.3) and 8 TDs and was selected to the 2022 All-Region 7-5A First Team. After recording 12 receptions for 235 yards (19.6 avg.) and 2 TDs as a sophomore, he earned placement on the 2021 All-Region

7-5A First Team. Matthews also competes in basketball.

KAYLON MILLER

Miller was a three-time First Team All-Marmonte League selection (2021, 2022 and 2023) out of Calabasas HS. As a senior in 2023, he led the Marmonte League in TFLs (25) through the regular season. As a junior in 2022, he recorded 80 tackles, including 27 for loss (with 5 sacks) and 3 PBUs.

ELIJAH NEWBY

Newby, a four-star recruit, is rated as the No. 3 player in the state of Connecticut by 247 Sports, No. 4 by On3 and ESPN and No. 5 by Rivals. He is touted as the No. 14 linebacker in the country by On3, No. 16 by ESPN, No. 18 by Rivals and No. 20 by 247Sports. He ranked 246th nationally on the Top247 List and 253rd on the ESPN 300. Newby competed for Cheshire Academy (Conn.), which MaxPreps named the top high school football team in Connecticut. Cheshire Academy won the 2023 New England Bowl Championships. As a senior, he was named to the 2023 Northeast Prep Football Conference All-League First Team and the 2023 All-New England Prep School Athletic Council First Team. As a junior, Newby earned placement on the 2022 Northeast Prep Football Conference All-League First Team. He also competes in track and field and was selected to the All-New England Prep School Athletic Council in the high jump.

DECARLOS NICHOLSON

(See bio in veteran players section.)

JOEY OLSEN

Olsen, a four-star recruit, is rated as the No. 1 player in the state of Oregon by On3 and ESPN, No. 2 by Rivals and No. 3 by 247Sports. He is touted as the No. 13 tight end in the country by ESPN, No. 15 On3, No. 23 by Rivals and No. 33 by ESPN. He is ranked 200th on the ESPN 300 list. Olsen is the statistical leader in two Lakeridge (Ore.) HS football records: career receptions (119) and career yards (2,303). As a senior, he tallied 36 receptions for 650 yards (18.1 avg.) with 11 TDs helping Lakeridge finish 5th in the state, the team's best finish in a decade. He earned 2023 Oregon All-State 6A First Team and 2023 All-Three Rivers League First Team honors. He was also selected to the 2023 Preseason All-State Team. As a junior in 2022, he recorded 32 receptions for 578 yards (18.1 avg.) with 9 TDs. He was named to the 2022 Oregon All-State 6A Second Team and 2022 All-Three Rivers League First Team. Additionally, he was invited to compete at the 2022 National Combine at the All-American Bowl. As a sophomore in 2021, he collected 28 receptions for 727 yards (26.0 avg.) and 7 TDs. Additionally, he rushed for 3 yards on 2 carries (1.5 avg.). He was named an Oregon All-State Honorable Mention and to the 2021 All-Three Rivers League First Team. As a freshman, he collected 22 receptions for 347 yards (15.8 avg.) and 4 TDs and earned placement on the 2020-21 All-Three Rivers League First Team. A multisport-athlete, Olsen also competes in baseball, basketball and track and field.



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HANK PEPPER

(See bio in veteran players section.)

ISAIAH RAIKES

(See bio in veteran players section.)

KAMARI RAMSEY

(See bio in veteran players section.)

ISAIAH RUBIN

Rubin, a four-star recruit, is ranked the No. 25 player in the state of California by 247Sports, No. 26 by ESPN and No. 57 by On3. He is touted as the No. 32 cornerback in the country by 247Sports, No. 37 by ESPN and No. 48 by Rivals. In addition to playing defensive back, Rubin is a talented returner on special teams. After transferring to Los Alamitos (Calif.) HS, he helped the Griffins place first in the Sunset League in 2023 during his senior season. That season, he tallied 58 tackles, 7 INTs (including 3 pick-6's) and 4 punt returns where he scored TDs. He represented LA and participated in the 2023 Makasi Bowl. Rubin missed his junior 2022 season due to transferring, but played his first two years at Desert Pines (Nev.) HS.

JADEN RICHARDSON

(See bio in veteran players section.)

MAKAI SAINA

Saina, the four-star recruit, is touted as the No. 20 interior offensive lineman in the nation by ESPN, No. 25 by 247Sports, No. 38 by On3 and No. 50 by Rivals. He is rated as the No. 49 player in the state of Texas by Rivals, No. 62 by ESPN, No. 67 by 247Sports and No. 82 by On3. He has been named a 2024 Under Armour All-American and a 2024 Polynesian Bowl All-Star. After his senior year at Martin (Texas) HS, he was selected to the 2023 All-District 8-6A First Team and was invited to compete at the 2023 Under Armour Next Camp Series. He also earned recognition on the 2023 Dallas News Preseason All-Area Team. During his junior season in 2022, he helped pave the way for the area's fifth-best rushing offense in Class 6A, as Martin averaged 254.3 yards per game on the ground. It was also the area's fourth-best scoring offense, averaging 45.4 points per game. He was an All-District 8-6A First Team selection. Additionally, he attended the 2022 Under Armour Power Academy Camp. A dual-sport athlete, he is a shot putter on Martin's track and field team.

DESMAN STEPHENS II

Stephens II, a four-star recruit, is rated as the No. 6 player in the state of Michigan by On3, No. 9 by ESPN and 247Sports and No. 11 by Rivals. He is touted as the No. 14 linebacker in the nation by Rivals, No. 24 by On3, No. 32 by 247Sports and No. 43 by ESPN. He has been invited to play in the U.S. Army All-American Bowl. During his senior year at Clarkston (Mich.) HS as a three-way player, he collected 88 tackles, 3 INTs, 6 PBUs 1 forced fumble and 1 fumble recovery. On offense, he tallied 614 rushing yards on 64 carries (9.6 avg.) with 9 TDs and had 26 receptions for 415 yards (16.0 avg.) with 4 TDs. On special teams, he recorded 5 punt returns for 124 yards (24.8 avg.) and 1 TD and 11 kick returns for 268 yards (24.4 avg.).

He earned placement on the 2023 Free Press All-North First Team, the 2023 Michigan Associated Press Division 1-2 All-State First Team, the SB Michigan All-State First Team, the 2023 AP Michigan All-State First Team and the 2023 Michigan High School Football Coaches Association All-State First Team. He also was named to the 2023 Prep RedZone Michigan Division I Preseason All-State Defense. As a junior in 2022, he recorded 98 tackles, including 11 TFLs (with 2 sacks), 4 INTs (1 returned for a TD), 2 forced fumbles and 2 fumble recoveries. Offensively, he tallied 17 receptions for 325 yards (19.1 avg.) and 6 TDs and 100 rushing yards on 18 carries (5.6 avg.) with 1 TD. He was named to the 2022 Oakland Activities Association Red All-League First Team, the 2022 Michigan High School Football Coaches Association All-Region First Team, the 2022 Michigan High School Football Coaches Association All-State First Team, the 2022 Prep RedZone Division 1 All-State Team, the 2022 Prep RedZone Defense Dream Team, the 2022 Oakland AP Division I Second Team, the 2022 Detroit All-North Football Team and was selected as the MLive Metro Detroit Dream Team All-Purpose Player. Stephens was invited to the 2022 Under Armour Next Camp Series and was named to the 2022 PrepRedZone Preseason D1 All-State Team. As a sophomore in 2021, he recorded 60 tackles and 3 INTs. On offense, he had 3 receptions for 101 yards (33.7 avg.) and 1 TD. He was also a three-year member of the varsity basketball team at Clarkston. During his 2022-23 junior season, Stephens, who helped the team to win a district championship, was the team captain and team MVP, was named to the All-North First Team, Oakland Activities Association Red All-League Team and the Detroit All-State Second Team.

KALOLO TA'AGA

Ta'aga, a three-star recruit, is rated as the No. 43 player in the state of California by 247Sports, No. 54 by Rivals, No. 56 by ESPN and No. 57 by On3. He is touted as the No. 46 offensive tackle in the nation by 247Sports, No. 68 by On3, No. 74 by ESPN and No. 84 by Rivals. Ta'aga's first season of football was the fall of 2023 at Archbishop Riordan (Calif.) HS, after playing primarily basketball throughout his athletic career. The quick, rising star was named to the 2023 All-West Catholic Athletic League Second Team after his first season of football and earned Archbishop Riordan's 2023 Tyrone McGraw Award.

JUSTIN TAUANUU

Tauanuu, a four-star recruit, is rated as the No. 30 player in the state of California by Rivals, No. 37 by 247Sports, No. 51 by ESPN and No. 55 by Rivals. He is touted as the No. 26 offensive tackle in the nation by 247Sports, No. 34 by Rivals, No. 60 by On3 and No. 70 by ESPN. He was selected as a 2024 Polynesian Bowl All-Star. After his 2023 senior season, he was named a JPWest Media Player of the Year finalist. He helped Huntington Beach (Calif.) HS win the 2023 Surf City Lineman Competition. In 2022, he was selected to the 2022 All-Orange County Second Team and the 2022 CalHS-ports All-CIFSS Juniors First/Second Team.

HAYDEN TRETER

Treter, a three-star recruit, is rated as the No. 3 player in the state of Colorado by Rivals and 247Sports, No. 6 by ESPN and No. 9 by On3. He is touted as the No. 80 interior offensive lineman in the nation by ESPN, No. 82 by Rivals and No. 83 by 247Sports. He was a three-time 5A State Champion as an offensive tackle at Cherry Creek (Colo.) HS. He was the team captain during his senior season and was named to the 2023 All-State 5A First Team, the 2023 All-Centennial League First Team and 2023 Colorado 5A Playmakers List by being key factor in Cherry Creek's 2,000-yard rushing attack. The Cherry Creek offensive line was nominated for the Playmaker's Corner 5A Offensive Playmaker of the Year award. After his junior season, he earned placement on the 2022 All-Centennial League Second Team.

JADYN WALKER

Walker, a three-star recruit, is ranked the No. 16 player in the state of Michigan by ESPN, No. 18 by 247Sports and No. 22 by On3. He is touted as the No. 64 linebacker in the nation by ESPN, No. 85 by 247Sports and No. 95 by On3. Walker was a two-way player in high school seeing action at linebacker and wide receiver. During his senior year in 2023, he tallied 31 receptions for 508 yards (16.4 avg.) with 5 TDs. On defense, he recorded 34 tackles and 2 INTs. He earned placement on the 2023 Associated Press Division 1 & 2 All-State First Team, the 2023 MHSCFA All-State Division 2 First Team, 2023 All-SMAC First Team and prior to the season, was selected to the 2023 Prep Redzone Michigan Division 2 Preseason All-State Offense. As a junior in 2022, he was named to the All-SMAC First Team. Walker also played basketball for Portage Northern.

MARCELLES WILLIAMS

Williams, a four-star recruit, is touted as the No. 5 cornerback in the country by 247Sports, No. 9 by ESPN, No. 12 by Rivals and No. 24 by On3. He is rated as the No. 6 player in the state of California by 247Sports, No. 11 by ESPN and Rivals and No. 19 by On3. He is ranked as the No. 76 recruit in the nation by 247Sports, No. 87 by Rivals and No. 92 by ESPN. He is 77th on the Top247 list, 89th on the Rivals 250 and 93rd on the ESPN 300. He was selected as a 2024 Polynesian Bowl All-Star and was invited to participate at the 2024 NBC All-American Bowl. During his senior season, he helped football powerhouse St. John Bosco (Calif.) to win the 2023 CIF State Football Open Division Championship. He recorded 65 tackles, 2 INTs 8 PBUs and 1 blocked field goal in 2023. Williams was named to the 2023 All-Trinity League First Team, the 2023 LA Times All-Star Team and was selected as a 2023 Los Angeles Rams High School All-Star. Prior to the season, he earned placement on the 2023 MaxPreps Preseason All-American First Team. In 2022, Williams helped the Braves to be crowned National Champions for the third time in 10 years. That season, he tallied 46 tackles, 2 INTs and 4 PBUs. He was named to the 2022 MaxPreps Junior All-American First Team, 2022 All-CIF Southern Section Division I Team and 2022 All-Trinity League First Team. Prior to the season, he was selected to the 2022



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MaxPreps Preseason All-State First Team. As a sophomore in 2021, he racked up 42 tackles and 7 PBUs. He earned placement on the 2021 MaxPreps Sophomore All-American First Team. Williams also wrote for his school's paper. Williams has two older brothers who play college football: Max who is a redshirt senior safety at USC and Macen who is a redshirt junior at Arizona State.

JASON ZANDAMELA

Zandamela, a four-star recruit, is touted as the No. 1 interior offensive lineman in the country by 247Sports, ESPN and Rivals. He is rated as the No. 7 player in the state of Florida by 247Sports, No. 19 by On3, No. 21 by ESPN and No. 34 by Rivals. He is 42nd on the Top247 List, 132nd on the ESPN 300 List and 216th on the Rivals 250 List. He was named a 2024 Under Armour All-American. A native of Mozambique, Africa, Zandamela, a former rugby player, had never even heard of football before coming to America in 2020. He was named to the 2023 USA Today Florida Network Preseason All-State Team and the 2023 MaxPreps Preseason All-American Second Team before his senior season at Clearwater Academy (Fla.). During his junior season in 2022, he helped block for a Knights' offense that averaged 7.8 yards per carry and totaled 198.2 yards on the ground per game.



USC HEAD COACH LINCOLN RILEY



Lincoln Riley is one of the nation's most successful coaches. In fact, he has had more success before the age of 40 than any other head coach in college football history. Lincoln Riley has been a head coach for 6 seasons

and has developed 3 of the last 7 Heisman Trophy winners, all of whom are quarterbacks. Riley is also the only head coach to coach 3 Heisman winning quarterbacks. From coaching 3 Heisman Trophy winners, to having an 80 percent winning record, to appearing in 3 College Football Playoffs, Lincoln Riley's coaching achievements set a standard of excellence.

And didn't take long for Riley to implement that standard at USC. In his first season as USC's head coach in 2022, the 39-year-old led the Trojans to have equaled the biggest one-season victory turnaround (+7 victories) in USC history (USC's 1962 national champs won 11 games after winning just 4 in 1961). Last season, Troy won 4 games and in 2022, it had 11 victories. Riley tied the record for most victories by a first-year head coach (tied with John Robinson in 1976. This also ties the Pac-12 record). Riley's Trojans went 11-3 in 2022 to bring USC back to the top of the college football landscape. USC went undefeated in the Coliseum (7-0), doing so for the first time since 2017. Riley guided the Trojans to a Pac-12 Championship appearance and to a Cotton Bowl appearance. In Riley's electric offense, USC scored 579 points in 2022 compared to just 344 points scored in 2021. The Trojans finished the season nationally ranked No. 1 in turnover margin (1.57), No. 1 in turnovers lost (7), No. 1 in fumbles lost (2), No. 2 in 3rd down conversion percentage (0.536), No. 2 in passes had intercepted (5), No. 3 in first downs offense (359), No. 3 in passes intercepted (19), No. 3 in passing offense (335.4), No. 3 in scoring offense (41.4), No. 3 in team passing efficiency (169.20), No. 3 in total offense (506.6) and No. 5 in turnovers gained (29).

Riley's 2022 Trojans broke six USC records. The 2022 team now holds the USC record for most yards passing in a single season (4,696 yards in 14 games), most passes attempted in a single season (515), most touchdown passes in a single season (43), lowest percentage of passes had intercepted (0.97%, 5 in 515 attempts), most games scoring 30+ points (12) and most games scoring 40+ points (10). They also tie the USC single-game record for most touchdowns on interception returns (3 vs. Rice).

Under Riley's tutelage in 2022, quarterback Caleb Williams was named the 88th recipient of the Heisman Trophy. In addition to winning college football's most prestigious award, Williams also was named the 2022 Walter Camp Player of the Year, the 2022 AP Player of the Year, the 2022 Maxwell Award winner, the 2022 Sporting News College Football Player of the Year, the 2022 CBS Sports Player of the Year, the 2022 Action Sports Player of the Year, the 2022 CFPA National Performer of the Year and the 2022 Pac-12 Offensive Player of the Year. Defensive lineman Tuli Tuipulotu was the Polynesian College Football Player of the Year, the Pac-12 Defensive Player of the Year, the defensive Morris Trophy winner and was a finalist for the Bronko Nagurski Trophy, the Rotary Lombardi Award,

the Chuck Bednarik Award, the Ted Hendricks Award, and the Lott IMPACT Trophy. Both Tuipulotu and Williams were Unanimous First Team All-Americans, USC's first since 2012. Offensive linemen Brett Neilson and Andrew Vorhees and defensive back Calen Bullock were also named First Team All-Americans. Riley's 5 First Team All-Americans were the most in a single season since 2007 when USC also had 5 first teamers. Jordan Addison, Mekhi Blackmon, Tuli Tuipulotu, Andrew Vorhees, Caleb Williams were all selected to the All-Pac-12 First Team, and Vorhees was the offensive recipient of the Morris Trophy. Riley was a finalist for the 2022 Eddie Robinson Coach of the Year Award. He threw out the first pitch at a Dodgers game in May of 2022.

His 2023 Trojans went 8-5 and 5-4 in Pac-12 play. Riley's high-powered brand of offense, led by defending Heisman Trophy winner quarterback Caleb Williams, put up points all season resulting in USC ranking No. 3 in the nation in scoring offense (41.8), No. 3 in team passing efficiency (170.88), No. 5 in passing offense (333.0) and No. 10 in total offense (467.6). Williams ranked in the national Top 20 in points responsible for per game, points responsible for, passing efficiency, passing yards per game, passing touchdowns, yards per pass attempt, total offense, passing yards, completion percentage, passing yards per completion and completions per game. He was a finalist for the Manning Award and Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award. Freshman wide receiver and electric return specialist Zachariah Branch was named USC's first-ever true freshman First Team All-American for his special teams efforts. Branch also won the Jet Award presented annually to the nation's most outstanding return specialist. He was the first Trojan since Adoree' Jackson in 2016 to have a punt return and kickoff return for a TD, as well as at least one receiving TD in the same season. Jackson had 2 punt returns and 2 kickoff returns for TDs and 1 TD reception during the 2016 season. Since 1971 (when records are available) Branch is one of

just 3 USC players to accomplish the feat, joining Jackson and Curtis Conway (1992 - 1 kickoff return TD, 1 punt return TD, 5 rec TDs). The Trojans wrapped up the season on a high-note with a thrilling Holiday Bowl victory as quarterback Miller Moss stepped in leading the Trojans to defeat No. 16 Louisville 42-28. Moss, the Holiday Bowl Offensive MVP, threw 6 touchdown passes setting the record for most touchdown passes thrown in a Holiday Bowl, most touchdown passes thrown in a USC bowl game, most touchdown passes thrown by a USC QB is his first Trojan start and tied the Pac-12 Bowl Game passing touchdown record. Wide receiver Tajh Washington also amassed 1,000 yards for the first time in his career.

Riley was hired by USC on Nov. 28, 2021. He arrived after serving as the head coach at Oklahoma, winning 85 percent of his games in five seasons there and led the Sooners to four Big 12 titles and four New Year's Six bowls with three College Football Playoff appearances.

Riley posted a 55-10 overall record in his five years (2017-21) at Oklahoma for an impressive .846 winning percentage. His Sooners were 37-7 (.841) in league play and won Big 12 championships in his first four years there as he became the first person to win outright Football Bowl Subdivision conference crowns in each of his first four seasons as a collegiate head coach. He set Oklahoma records for most victories in his first two (24), three (36) and four (45) seasons, breaking marks held by Barry Switzer and Bob Stoops.

After serving as the offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach for two of the most prolific offenses in OU's history, Riley took over as the Sooners' head coach in 2017 when Stoops retired. He was the youngest FBS head coach (33) at the time of his hiring. He also coached the OU quarterbacks and called the offensive plays while serving as head coach, running a balanced offensive attack.

Riley led his initial Oklahoma squad to a 12-2 overall record in 2017, becoming just the

LINCOLN RILEY YEAR-BY-YEAR

YEAR	TEAM	POSITION	BOWL
2003	Texas Tech	Student Assistant	Houston
2004	Texas Tech	Student Assistant	Holiday
2005	Texas Tech	Student Assistant	Cotton
2006	Texas Tech	Graduate Assistant	Insight
2007	Texas Tech	Wide Receivers	Gator
2008	Texas Tech	Interior Wide Receivers	Cotton
2009	Texas Tech	Interior Wide Receivers	Alamo
2010	East Carolina	Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks	Military
2011	East Carolina	Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks	--
2012	East Carolina	Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks	New Orleans
2013	East Carolina	Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks	Beef 'O' Brady's
2014	East Carolina	Asst. Head Coach/Off. Coord./Quarterbacks	Birmingham
2015	Oklahoma	Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks+	Orange^
2016	Oklahoma	Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks	Sugar
2017	Oklahoma	Head Coach (12-2/8-1, 3rd AP)#	Rose^
2018	Oklahoma	Head Coach (12-2/8-1, 3rd AP)#	Orange^
2019	Oklahoma	Head Coach (12-2/8-1, 3rd AP)#	Peach^
2020	Oklahoma	Head Coach (9-2/6-2, 6th AP)#	Cotton
2021	Oklahoma	Head Coach (10-2/7-2, 10th AP)	Alamo%
2022	USC	Head Coach (11-3/8-1, 12th AP)	Cotton
2023	USC	Head Coach (8-5/5-4, NR)	Holiday

Career Record (7 years) 74-18 (.804) overall

USC Record (2 years): 19-8 (.704) overall / 13-5 (.722) Pac-12

Oklahoma Record (5 years): 55-10 (.846) overall / 37-7 (.841) Big 12

#Conference Champion *Conference Coach of the Year +Broyles Award

^College Football Playoff semifinal %Did not coach in bowl game



USC HEAD COACH LINCOLN RILEY

fifth FBS coach with no previous head coaching experience at a four-year college to win at least 12 games in his debut season. The Sooners won the Big 12 title by going 8-1, played in the CFP semifinal in the Rose Bowl and finished third in the final AP poll. Quarterback Baker Mayfield won the Heisman Trophy that season, along with the Maxwell, Davey O'Brien, Manning, Walter Camp Player of the Year and AP Player of the Year Awards, and was the No. 1 pick of the 2018 NFL Draft. Tight end Mark Andrews won the 2017 Mackey Award.

Oklahoma was again 12-2 overall and 8-1 while winning the Big 12 championships in 2018 and 2019. He was the Big 12 Co-Coach of the Year in 2018. Quarterback Kyler Murray won the 2018 Heisman Trophy, O'Brien Award and Manning Award, was the AP Player of the Year and was the No. 1 selection in the 2020 NFL Draft, while quarterback Jalen Hurts was the Heisman runner-up in 2019. The Sooners appeared in the Orange Bowl in 2018 and Peach Bowl in 2019, both CFP semifinals. OU was fourth in the final AP poll in 2018 and seventh in 2019.

In the COVID-impacted 2020 season, Oklahoma went 9-2 overall, won the Big 12 at 6-2, beat Florida in the Cotton Bowl and was sixth in the final AP poll.

In 2021, the Sooners were 10-2 in the just-completed regular season, tied for second in the Big 12 standings at 7-2 and are ranked 13th by AP.

Riley spent 2015 and 2016 as Oklahoma's offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach. He won the Broyles Award as the nation's top assistant coach in 2015 when his offense ranked seventh nationally in total offense. In 2016, receiver Dede Westbrook won the Biletnikoff Award and was fourth in the Heisman voting, while running back Joe Mixon set the OU season all-purpose yardage record (2,331 yards) and fellow running back Samaje Perine set the school career rushing mark (4,122 yards).

Riley came to Oklahoma after five seasons (2010-14) as the offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach at East Carolina. He added the title of assistant head coach in 2014. The Pirates, running a spread offensive scheme, set more than 50 team and individual school offensive records during his time there. His squads had the top five passing seasons in school history and top four total offense marks. In 2014, ECU set a school season mark with 6,929 yards of total offense. East Carolina appeared in the national Top 10 in such categories as passing and scoring offense, third down conversion percentage and red zone scoring efficiency.

His Pirate wide receivers Justin Hardy and Zay Jones became the most productive pass catchers in FBS history. Hardy caught an NCAA record 387 career passes for 4,541 yards (including a trio of 1,000-yard seasons). Jones, who Riley coached for the first two years of his career, went on to break Hardy's mark with 399 career receptions.

East Carolina quarterback Dominique Davis was the 2010 Conference USA Newcomer of the Year and set school records for career completions and TD passes. He completed an NCAA record 36 consecutive passes in 2011. He was succeeded by Shane Carden, who broke many of Davis' record. Carden set ECU season marks for passing yards (4,736 in 2014) and completion percentage (.705 in 2013) and was the Conference USA MVP in 2013 followed by the American Conference's Offensive Player of the Year in 2014.

Riley was on the football and track teams at Muleshoe (Tex.) High, a West Texas town of 5,000. He was a walk-on quarterback at Texas Tech in the spring and summer of 2003 before starting his coaching career as a student assistant there under head coach Mike Leach for three seasons (2003-05), working with the offense.

He became an offensive graduate assistant at Texas Tech in 2006, then joined the Red Raiders' fulltime staff as the wide receivers coach in 2007 and the inside wide receivers coach in 2008 and 2009. In 2009, he called plays as the interim offensive coordinator in the Alamo Bowl, producing 579 yards of offense. His wide receiver Michael Crabtree won the 2007 Biletnikoff Award while establishing Big 12 and NCAA freshman records with 134 receptions for 1,962 yards, while fellow wideout Danny Amendola also had a 100-catch, 1,000-yard season in 2007. The Red Raiders played in a bowl in each of his seven seasons and Tech quarterbacks won NCAA passing titles in 2003, 2004, 2005 and 2007.

Riley received his bachelor's degree in ex-

ercise and sports science from Texas Tech in 2006.

He was born on Sept. 5, 1983, in Lubbock, Tex. He and his wife, Caitlin, have two daughters, Sloan and Stella. His younger brother, Garrett, is the offensive coordinator at Clemson after previously coaching at TCU (where he helped coach the Horned Frogs to the 2022 National Championship game), SMU, Appalachian State, Kansas, East Carolina and Augustana College and playing quarterback at Texas Tech and Stephen F. Austin.



USC ASSISTANT COACH BIOGRAPHIES

DOUG BELK Secondary

Doug Belk, one of the biggest rising stars in college football's coaching landscape, enters his first season as USC's secondary coach.

Belk spent the previous 5 seasons at Houston and has held the associate head coach/defensive coordinator role since 2021. From 2019-20, he was a co-defensive coordinator.

In his 5 seasons as a defensive or co-defensive coordinator at Houston, Belk has mentored 13 All-American Athletic Conference honorees, including 5 First Team selections, and 8 All-Big 12 Conference honorees, including 2 First Teamers. Five players from Belk's defenses have been selected in the NFL Draft including DL Payton Turner who was taken in the first round (28th overall pick – 2021) by the New Orleans Saints and DE Logan Hall who was chosen in the second round (33rd overall pick – 2022) by the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

He rebranded Houston's defensive culture by bringing back a former nickname: The Third Ward Defense. This name emphasized toughness, grit and leaned into the city's history and culture.

After a challenging 2019 season and shortened 2020 season due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Belk's defensive transformation began to come to fruition in 2021.

In 2021, Belk led one of the best pass defenses in the nation, allowing only 194 yards per game through the air, ranking 18th in the nation. Houston's 55.2 completion percentage allowed ranked eighth nationally. The 20.5 points per game allowed ranked 19th in the country and the 302.2 yards allowed ranked sixth. The Cougar defensive line, nicknamed "Sack Ave", racked up 45.0 sacks, ranked fifth nationally.

That season, Belk was named a semifinalist for the Broyles Award and was on the 2022 summer edition of Dave Campbell's Texas Football 40 Under 40 list.

In 2022, Houston's defense ranked 11th nationally. DL D'Anthony Jones led the nation in forced fumbles and DB Jayce Rogers finished second in the conference in interceptions. Four Houston defenders earned all-conference honors during 2022 including Jones as a First Team honoree.

In 2023, DB A.J. Haulcy finished the regular season ranked No. 4 in the nation and No. 1 in the AAC in solo tackles (6.1), while DL Nelson Ceaser was No. 9 in the nation and No. 1 in the AAC in sacks (6.1).

Prior to arriving in Houston, Belk served as the cornerbacks coach at West Virginia for 2 seasons.

The 2017 Mountaineer defense ranked No. 16 nationally in most defensive three-and-outs per game and No. 24 in third-down defense.

The 2018 season saw Belk's cornerbacks play a pivotal role in West Virginia ranking second in the Big 12 and No. 20 nationally with 15 interceptions. CB Keith Washington Jr. tied for fifth in the Big 12 with 3 interceptions on the year. West Virginia recorded 12 interceptions to rank No. 1 in the conference.

From 2014-16, Belk served as a defensive graduate assistant coach at Alabama working with the defensive backs. He worked directly with Head Coach Nick Saban and Defensive Coordinators Kirby Smart and Jeremy Pruitt, assisting with all aspects of the defensive secondary as well as with special teams. During his tenure at Alabama, the Crimson Tide was 40-4, earning 3 College Football Playoff appearances, winning the 2015 National Championship, finishing as national runner-up in 2016 and winning 3 SEC titles (2014-16).

The 2014 Crimson Tide defense was No. 6 nationally in scoring defense and No. 12 nationally in total defense. Belk helped develop S Landon Collins, who finished his senior season as a unanimous All-American selection and was drafted by the New York Giants in the second round.

The 2015 defense was No. 3 nationally in scoring defense and total defense, No. 10 in interceptions and No. 30 in passing yards allowed. Belk tutored S Eddie Jackson, who earned All-American honors as well as CB Minkah Fitzpatrick and CB Marlon Humphrey who were named to freshman All-American teams. He also worked with CB Cyrus Jones who was drafted in the second round by the New York Giants.

The 2016 defense was No. 1 nationally in scoring defense and No. 2 in total defense. The unit was also No. 9 nationally and No. 2 in the SEC in pass efficiency defense, No. 14 in interceptions and No. 24 in passing yards allowed. That season, Fitzpatrick was named a consensus All-American, Humphrey earned All-America First-Team honors and Jackson was an All-SEC First-Teamer.

Prior to Alabama, Belk was the secondary coach at Valdosta State in Valdosta, Ga. from 2012-13. During the 2011 season, he was a defensive assistant and worked with special teams.

During his tenure, the Blazers produced a 24-10 record and won the NCAA Division II National Championship in 2012. Belk coached 2 Division II All-Americans, 2 Academic All-Americans and 3 All-Gulf South Conference selections. CBs Dominique Wheeler and Matt Pierce signed free agent contracts in the NFL with the Jacksonville Jaguars and Tennessee Titans, respectively.

MATT ENTZ

Assistant Head Coach for Defense
Linebackers

Matt Entz, a two-time FCS national champion winning head coach, enters his first season as USC's assistant head coach for defense/linebackers coach.

Entz posted a 60-10 overall record in his 5 years (2019-23) as the head coach at North Dakota State for an impressive .857 winning percentage. He led his team to 2 NCAA Division I FCS national championships, including in his first season as the head coach.

Throughout his time at NDSU, his Bison were 32-7 (.821) in league play and won two Missouri Valley Football Conference championships.

Entz was named the FCS National Coach of the Year in 2019 and 2021 by the American Football Coaches Association. He is a two-time finalist for the Stats Perform Eddie Robinson Award, presented to the FCS National Coach of the Year as selected by a national media panel, and he is a two-time recipient of the Bruce Craddock MVFC Coach of the Year award. Additionally, he was also named the 2019, 2020 and 2021 AFCA FCS Region 4 Coach of the Year.

Entz became the first Division I head football coach to go 16-0 in his first full season at the helm, defeating James Madison 28-20 to win the 2019 Division I FCS national Championship. The 2019 Bison became the first modern-era college football team in any division to finish a season 16-0, joining the 1894 Yale Bulldogs as the only 16-0 teams in college football history.

North Dakota State completed the 2019 season with an FCS-record 37-game winning streak (beginning in the 2017 season). The streak extended to 39 games in the spring of 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and it is the third longest winning streak in Division I football history.

The 2020 Bison posted a 7-3 overall record and a 5-2 MVFC record, falling in the quarterfinals of the FCS playoffs.

Entz led the 2021 squad to NDSU's ninth FCS national championship in program history by defeating Montana State 38-10 and recording a 14-1 overall season record.

In 2022, the Bison once again reached the FCS Division I national championship game, but fell to South Dakota State. They recorded a 12-3 overall record and a 7-1 MVFC record.

In 2023, Entz led the Bison to an 11-4 overall record (5-3 in MVFC play) where they reached the Division I FCS semifinal.

As head coach of NDSU, Entz tutored 8 NFL draft picks, including the 2021 No. 3 overall pick, QB Trey Lance. He also had 20 players



earn All-American honors between 2019-22.

Prior to being named head coach, Entz was NDSU's defensive coordinator for 5 seasons (2014-18). He was named the 2018 FCS Coordinator of the Year and was a finalist for the award 3 times. He led a Bison defense that allowed less than 14 points per game over his 5 seasons as the defensive coordinator and consistently ranked in the top 5 of FCS in scoring defense and total defense. NDSU had eight FCS All-American honorees on defense during his 5 seasons as defensive coordinator, including linebackers MJ Stumpf, Nick DeLuca and Jabril Cox.

Prior to arriving at NDSU, Entz served as the associate head coach, co-defensive coordinator and defensive line coach at Western Illinois in 2013. Under his tutelage, LB Kevin Kintzel still holds the program's all-time defensive scoring record with 18 INTs and 3 defensive TDs. The Leathernecks led the MVFC in passing defense (149.0) and opponent first downs (16.2).

Entz spent the previous 3 years (2010-12) at Northern Iowa. He was named defensive line coach in 2010 and assumed defensive coordinator duties in 2012. UNI placed first in the MVFC in 2010 and 2011. In 2011, DL Ben Boothby earned AP and AFCA FCS All-American First Team honors and was also a two-time All-MVFC First Team honoree (2010 and 2011).

Entz was the defensive coordinator from 2002 to 2009 at Winona State, where he was promoted to associate head coach in 2003 and was with the defensive line for 3 years before becoming linebackers coach in 2005. He was named the AFCA Division II Assistant Coach of the Year in 2008.

Prior to that, Entz was the assistant head football coach and linebackers coach at Wayne (Neb.) State from 1999 to 2001 and the defensive coordinator at Illinois College in 1998. He holds certification from the National Strength and Conditioning Association and served as an assistant strength and conditioning coach during his time at Wayne State.

Entz earned a bachelor's degree in biology from Wartburg College in 1995 and a master's degree in education and exercise science from Wayne (Neb.) State College in 1998. He and his wife, Brenda, have two sons, Kellen and Konner.

ZACH HANSON

Tight Ends/Assistant Head Coach for Offense

Zach Hanson, regarded as one of the game's top young coaches, enters his third season as USC's tight ends coach and his first with the assistant head coach for offense title.

In 2023, Hanson's tight ends were part of an offense that was ranked No. 3 in the nation in scoring offense (41.8) and No. 10 in the nation in total offense (467.6).

In 2022, he led a group of tight ends who contributed to a record-setting season for the Trojan offense. USC played in the Cotton Bowl to conclude the season.

He spent the previous 2 seasons (2020-21) as the offensive line coach at Tulsa. He coached Tyler Smith, who was a Freshman All-American and an All-American Athletic Conference first team pick in 2020. Offensive tackle Chris Paul has received an invitation to the 2022 NFL Combine and the 2022 Senior Bowl. In his two seasons at Tulsa, Hanson had 7 offensive linemen earn All-American Athletic Conference honors. The Golden Hurricane played in the 2020 Armed Forces Bowl and 2021 Myrtle Beach Bowl. Tulsa also played in the 2020 American Athletic Conference championship against Cincinnati.

He was a senior offensive analyst at Oklahoma in 2019 when the Sooners played in the College Football Playoff semifinal in the Peach Bowl.

In 2018, he was the tight ends coach and assistant offensive line coach at Kansas State, his alma mater.

He spent 2016 and 2017 at North Carolina as a graduate assistant for special teams. The Tar Heels led the nation in punt return defense (0.2) and were second in kickoff returns (26.97) in 2016. Punter Tom Sheldon was a Freshman All-American in 2017. North Carolina was in the 2016 Sun Bowl.

He began his coaching career at Kansas State for 4 seasons (2012-15), serving as an offensive quality control coach in 2012 and then the final 3 years as an offensive graduate assistant. He worked with the offensive line during his first 3 years there and with the wide receivers in 2015. The Wildcats, who won the Big 12 Championship in 2012, played in the 2013 Fiesta Bowl, 2013 Buffalo Wild Wings Bowl, 2015 Alamo Bowl and 2016 Liberty Bowl.

Hanson was an offensive tackle at Kansas State (2008-11), earning 2011 All-Big 12 first team and Academic All-Big 12 second team accolades. He appeared in 37 games in his career, including starting at left tackle in 2011 when the Wildcats went 10-3 and appeared in the Cotton Bowl. Kansas State also played in the 2010 Pinstripe Bowl.

He originally signed with Nevada out of high school but opted to attend Sacramento City College prior to going to Kansas State.

He earned a bachelor's degree in social sciences in 2010 and his master's degree in sociology in 2014, both from Kansas State.

He prepped at Linden (Calif.) High.

His wife, Annie, is USC's executive director of football recruiting.

ERIC HENDERSON Co-Defensive Coordinator, Run Game Coordinator Defensive Line

Eric Henderson, a Super Bowl Champion and

award-winning coach, enters his first season as USC's co-defensive coordinator/run game coordinator/defensive line coach.

Henderson most recently served as the defensive line coach/run game coordinator for the Los Angeles Rams.

In the 2023 season, the Rams finished the season ranked No. 8 in run defense with a 70.2 grade per PFF. The Rams finished the regular season with 41.0 sacks with 4 players recording 6.0+ sacks. This was the first time since 1985 that the Rams have had 4 players with 6.0+ sacks on the season. DT Aaron Donald was named a Pro Bowler and earned First Team All-Pro. This marks his 10th Pro Bowl appearance and eighth First Team All-Pro recognition. In 2023, Donald tallied 56 tackles, including 8 sacks, and 3 PBUs. Henderson tutored DT Kobie Turner, who was arguably the best rookie pass rusher in the NFL in 2023 and is a strong candidate for Defensive Rookie of the Year. He led the Rams with 9 sacks. Turner recorded 58 tackles, including 9.5 sacks on the season. That sack total tied Donald's mark for the franchise's rookie record. Turner won NFC Defensive Rookie of the Month for January. He recorded 5 sacks, 15 tackles and 4 TFLs in the final 6 games of the year, helping elevate the performance of the entire defense.

In 2022, the Rams rush defense ranked among the best in the NFL. Henderson's defensive line helped the Rams finish third in fewest missed tackles on rush plays (51), eighth in percentage of opponent rushes that resulted in first downs (23.3%), ninth in defensive total rush EPA (42.97), ninth in opponent rushes for touchdowns (37.92), tied for 10th in total rushing touchdowns allowed (12) and finished 12th in total rushing first downs allowed (106). According to PFF, the Rams defense concluded the season with the highest grade against the rush (87.0) and only allowed two players to eclipse the 100-yard rushing mark on the season. The Rams were 1 of 4 teams to enter Week 17 without allowing a 100-yard rusher due to strong performances on the defensive line. The Rams defense also finished 13th in total rush yards allowed (1,956), opponent rush yards per game (115.1), and successful play rate on defensive rushes (61.5%).

In 2021, the Rams defense ranked third in sacks (50.0) and fifth in tackles for loss (85) during the regular season. Henderson also helped the Rams' defense finish fifth in yards per rush (3.96) and sixth in opponent rushing yards per game (103.2). The Rams' defense held opponents to a 51.8% red zone efficiency rate, which ranked eighth-best in the NFL. In the playoffs, the Rams tied a Super Bowl record with seven sacks in their 23-20 win over the Bengals at SoFi Stadium on Feb. 13 and had 12 overall during that postseason run. Henderson's leadership allowed perennial All-Pro DT Aaron Donald to continue stacking career accolades while also helping players such as Greg Gaines, A'Shawn Robinson and Marquise Copeland emerge as steady contributors. Gaines had a career season in 2021 with 13 starts and 55 tackles, 4.5 sacks, five tackles for loss, 14 quarterback hits and 34 pressures (including postseason). Henderson also elevated the play of A'Shawn Robinson, who had a stellar



performance in Super Bowl LVI with six tackles (five solo), 1.0 sack, one tackle for loss, three pressures and one quarterback hit. Robinson finished the 2021 regular season with 89 tackles (45 solo), 3.0 sacks, two forced fumbles, three tackles for loss, three quarterback hits and 17 pressures.

After the season, Henderson was nationally recognized by winning the 2021 John Teerlinck Defensive Line Coach of the Year award, as voted by his peers. The award is given out annually at the NFL Combine and is named after John Teerlinck who is widely regarded as one of the top defensive line coaches in NFL history.

In his second season in 2020, the Rams finished second in the league in sacks (53.0). The defensive front helped the No. 1 ranked defense finish third in the NFL in rush defense, while giving up the fewest points per game (18.5), passing yards per game (190.7) and total yards per game (281.9).

Under Henderson's tutelage, the Rams ranked top 5 in sacks back-to-back years (2019 and 2020). DT Aaron Donald became the third player in league history to win Defensive Player of the Year three times. He was also named the PFWA Defensive Player of the Year award for the second time. Donald finished the season with a team-high 13.5 sacks, his fourth-straight season with at least 11.0 sacks.

In Henderson's debut season in 2019, the Rams rushing defense allowed only 3.74 yards per rush, the sixth-best average in the league. This improvement marked a more than 1.0 yard per rush improvement from the 4.86 yards per rush allowed during the 2018 season, prior to Henderson's arrival. The defensive front tallied 50.0 sacks, the fourth-highest in the league. The unit also featured Donald, who recorded double-digit sacks (12.5) for the third-consecutive season and earned Pro Bowl and First Team All-Pro honors.

Prior to coaching with the Rams, Henderson served as an assistant defensive line coach for the Chargers for 2 seasons (2017-2018). In 2018, the defense finished with 38.0 total sacks and DE Melvin Ingram led the team with (7.0). Ingram was selected to the 2019 Pro Bowl marking his second consecutive appearance.

During Henderson's first season with the Chargers in 2017, the defense finished fifth in the NFL in total sacks with 43.0. DE Joey Bosa ended the season with a career-high 12.5 sacks, which ranked seventh in the league.

Henderson spent the 2016 season at the University of Texas - San Antonio as the defensive line coach. The Roadrunners went on to play in the Gildan New Mexico Bowl against New Mexico. Henderson coached junior DE Marcus Davenport, who recorded a team-high 6.5 sacks and a program-record 8 QBHs during the 2016 season. Davenport went on to be the 2017 Conference USA Defensive Player of the Year and was selected No. 14 overall by the New Orleans Saints in the 2018 NFL Draft, the highest Roadrunner ever drafted and just the second draft selection ever from UTSA.

Prior to joining the Roadrunners, Henderson

spent three seasons at Oklahoma State from 2013-15. He spent his first two years in Stillwater working as a graduate assistant before transitioning to a defensive quality control coach in 2015. He was regarded as one of the Cowboys' top recruiters during his tenure. During his three years at Oklahoma State, the Cowboys posted a combined 27-12 record and made three bowl appearances. Henderson helped tutor DE Emmanuel Ogbah, who earned All-American accolades, was named 2015 Big 12 Conference Defensive Player of the Year and was drafted in the second round (32nd overall) by the Cleveland Browns.

Henderson made his coaching debut in 2012 as a defensive assistant at Georgia Military College, where he coached the linebackers and secondary. The Bulldogs finished with a 7-4 record and made an appearance in the C.H.A.M.P.S. Heart of Texas Bowl.

Henderson played three years in the National Football League with the Cincinnati Bengals from 2006-08 after being signed as an undrafted free agent. He also spent three years (2009-11) with the Las Vegas Locomotives of the United Football League, helping the team win a pair of league championships.

Henderson was a three-time All-Atlantic Coast Conference defensive end at Georgia Tech from 2003-05. He set the school's career record for tackles for loss with 59.5 and finished with 175 tackles, 25 sacks (No. 4 in program history), 8 PBUs and 7 forced fumbles.

Henderson, a native of New Orleans, La., earned a bachelor's degree in management from Georgia Tech and is working toward a master's degree in educational psychology. He and his wife, Shanea, were married in 2021.

JOSH HENSON Offensive Coordinator Offensive Line

Josh Henson, who has 25 years of coaching experience primarily in the SEC and Big 12 and has been part of a national championship staff, enters his second season as the offensive coordinator and offensive line coach.

In 2023, Henson's offensive line was part of an offense that was ranked No. 3 in the nation in scoring offense (41.8) and No. 10 in the nation in total offense (467.6). Their protection allowed quarterback Caleb Williams to rank in the top 10 in the nation in 8 different statistical categories. USC was victorious over No. 16 Louisville in the Holiday Bowl to end the season.

Henson led one of the best offensive line units in the nation. The Trojan offensive line was a semifinalist for the Joe Moore Award and was instrumental in protecting quarterback Caleb Williams to allow him to lead the offense and have his record-breaking season. Linemen Andrew Vorehees and Brett Neilon were both named First Team All-Americans, while Vorehees was the offensive recipient of the Morris Trophy and was selected to the All-Pac-12 First Team. USC played in the Cotton Bowl to

conclude the 2022 season.

He spent the previous 3 seasons (2019-21) as the offensive line coach at Texas A&M. Guard Kenyon Green was a two-time All-American first teamer (2020-2021), center Bryce Foster and offensive tackle Reuben Fatheree II made Freshman All-American first team and A&M was 22nd nationally in tackles for loss allowed. In 2020, when the offensive line was a finalist for the Joe Moore Award, the Aggies ranked in the Top 5 nationally in sacks allowed and TFL allowed and were the first team in 10 years to lead the SEC in sacks allowed, tackles for loss allowed and yards per carry. A&M earned berths in the 2019 Texas Bowl, 2021 Orange Bowl and 2021 Gator Bowl.

Before that, Henson spent 3 seasons (2016-18) at Oklahoma State, his alma mater. He spent 2016 as an offensive analyst, then coached the offensive line in 2017 and 2018. The 2017 Cowboys led the nation in passing offense, ranked second in total offense and first downs, third in pass efficiency and fourth in scoring offense while becoming the first offense in Big 12 history with a 4,000-yard passer, a pair of 1,000-yard receivers and a 1,000-yard rusher. In 2018, OSU ranked in the national Top 15 in scoring offense, total offense, passing offense and first downs. The Cowboys played in the 2016 Alamo Bowl, 2017 Camping World Bowl and 2018 Liberty Bowl.

He spent 7 years (2009-15) at Missouri, the first 4 (2009-12) as the co-offensive line coach and the last 3 (2013-15) as the offensive coordinator and offensive line coach. Four of his offensive linemen were NFL draftees. The Tigers won back-to-back SEC East titles in 2013 and 2014. Missouri appeared in 5 bowls during his time: the 2009 Texas Bowl, 2010 Insight Bowl, 2011 Independence Bowl, 2014 Cotton Bowl and 2015 Citrus Bowl.

He was LSU's tight ends coach and recruiting coordinator for 4 seasons (2005-08), including with the Tigers' 2007 national championship squad. He helped assemble Top 10 recruiting classes in 2006 and 2007 when he was named one of college football's Top 25 recruiters by Rivals.com. LSU played in the 2005 Peach Bowl, 2007 Sugar Bowl, 2008 BCS National Championship Game and 2008 Chick-Fil-A Bowl.

He served as a graduate assistant at Oklahoma State in 1999, then was the Cowboys' tight ends coach and recruiting coordinator for 4 years (2001-04). Oklahoma State was in the 2002 Houston Bowl, 2004 Cotton Bowl and 2004 Alamo Bowl.

He got his coaching start as an assistant at Kingfisher (Okla.) High in 1998, helping the team to the state semifinals.

He started 37 games on the offensive line at Oklahoma State during his career (1993-97), earning All-Big 12 second team honors as a 1997 senior.

He received his bachelor's degree in secondary education from Oklahoma State in 1998.

He prepped at Tuttle (Okla.) High.



He and his wife, Shauna, have a daughter, Kate, and son Will.

LUKE HUARD Quarterbacks

Luke Huard, who comes from a family of outstanding quarterbacks, enters his third season at USC and first as quarterbacks coach.

In 2023, Huard coached a group of inside wide receivers that were a part of an offense that was ranked No. 3 in the nation in scoring offense (41.8) and No. 10 in the nation in total offense (467.6). He tutored wide receiver Tahj Washington who was USC's most reliable member of the receiving corps as well as an outstanding special teams player. Washington recorded his first-ever 1,000 yard season posting 1,062 yards on the year and ranked No. 23 nationally in receiving yards. He also ranked first in the Pac-12 Conference in yards per reception (18.00). Huard also coached star freshman wide out and electric returner, Zachariah Branch. Branch was honored as a First Team All-American as a returner (USC's first-ever true freshman First Team All-American) and earned the Jet Award as the nation's most outstanding return specialist. USC was victorious over No. 16 Louisville in the Holiday Bowl to end the season.

He joined the USC staff in February of 2022 as an offensive analyst. In March, he took over as interim inside wide receivers coach while Dave Nichol was away from the program due to his health. He became the full time position coach in the spring of 2022.

In 2022, Huard coached a group of high-level inside receivers who contributed to a record-setting season for the Trojan offense. USC played in the Cotton Bowl to conclude the 2022 season.

He spent the previous 3 seasons (2019-21) as an offensive analyst at Texas A&M. The Aggies earned berths in the 2019 Texas Bowl, 2021 Orange Bowl and 2021 Gator Bowl.

Before that, he was the co-offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach at Sacramento State for 2 seasons (2017-18). The Hornets averaged 486.0 total yards and 37.6 points (fifth nationally) in 2017 as quarterback Kevin Thomson set several school season records, and then averaged 402.8 total yards in 2018. He was the offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach at Georgia State for 4 seasons (2013-16). GSU quarterbacks Ronnie Bell and Nick Arbuckle set numerous school records, including Arbuckle's Sun Belt records in 2015 for passing yards (4,368) and total offense (4,273). Arbuckle, who ranked sixth nationally in passing yards per game in 2015, was the Sun Belt's Student-Athlete of the Year that season. Nine Georgia State pass catchers earned All-Sun Belt honors during Huard's tenure. The Panthers played in the 2015 and 2017 Cure Bowl.

He was at Illinois State for 4 seasons (2009-12), the first as the quarterbacks coach and then adding the offensive coordinator duties the

next 3 years. In 2012, the Redbirds led the Missouri Valley Football Conference in passing and total offense while scoring more than 30 points per game, and they advanced to the quarterfinals of the FCS playoffs. Quarterback Matt Brown was a 3-time All-Conference selection, and was the 2009 MVFC Newcomer of the Year and 2012 MVFC Offensive Player of the Year.

Huard was a graduate assistant at Washington in 2007 and 2008, working with the quarterbacks. Quarterback Jake Locker was the Pac-10 Newcomer of the Year in 2007 (he went on to be an NFL first round pick).

Huard started his coaching career in 2002 as the offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach at Washington High in Tacoma (Wash.).

He then spent 4 years (2003-06) as the head coach at Interlake High in Bellevue (Wash.). In 2004, he led the team to its first winning season in 10 years. That same year, he also was the offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach for the Eastside Hawks, a semi-pro team that went 10-0 in 2004 and won the Northwest Football League title.

After being named Washington's 1997 Gatorade Player of the Year as a quarterback at Puyallup High, he played at North Carolina for 3 seasons (1998-2000) before a shoulder injury ended his career. He started 4 games as a redshirt freshman in 1999.

He received his bachelor's degree in political science from North Carolina in 2002.

His brothers, Damon and Brock, were quarterbacks at Washington and in the NFL. Damon played at Washington (1991-95), including on UW's 1991 national champions, and then with the Miami Dolphins (1997-2000), New England Patriots (2001-2003, including on the Super Bowl XXXVI and XXXVIII champs), and Kansas City Chiefs (2004-08), and now is director of community and external relations and special advisor to the athletic director at Washington as well as an analyst on Husky football radio broadcasts. Brock played at Washington (1995-98), then with the Seattle Seahawks (1999-2001, 2004) and Indianapolis Colts (2002-03) and now is a college football analyst for FOX Sports and a sports radio host in Seattle. His father, Mike, was inducted into the Washington State Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 1998 and the Pacific Northwest Football Hall of Fame in 2011 after 17 seasons as the head coach at Puyallup High, winning the state title in 1987. His nephew, Sam, is a quarterback at Cal Poly, while his niece, Haley, is on Montana's basketball team. His sister-in-law, Molly, played basketball at Washington (1995-99).

He and his wife, Dolly, have 2 daughters.

D'ANTON LYNN Defensive Coordinator

D'Anton Lynn, who has experience coaching at both the collegiate and NFL levels, enters his first season USC's defensive coordinator.

Lynn most recently served as the defensive coordinator at UCLA where he completely transformed the Bruin defense. He elevated UCLA's defense from ranking No. 87 in 2022 to finishing the 2023 regular season ranked No. 11 in the nation.

Lynn's defense finished the regular season ranked first in the nation in rushing defense (69.6 yards per game), second in the nation in yards per rush allowed (2.33) and third in the nation in sacks per game (3.42). Opponents averaged just 299.0 yards per game, which was the lowest by a Bruin team since 1992 (297.8). Additionally, UCLA's 41 sacks rank fourth nationally and are the most by a Bruin defense since 2012. UCLA also ranks fourth in the nation in tackles for loss with 99. The Bruins allowed multiple touchdowns in just 5 games in 2023. UCLA held 9 of its opponents to 20 points or less and only allowed 3 rushing touchdowns all season.

Lynn also tutored Bruin star DE Laiatu Latu, who led the nation in tackles for loss per game (1.8) and was fourth nationally in sacks per game (1.08). Latu won the Lombardi Award and was a finalist for Bednarik Award and the Lott IMPACT Trophy.

Prior to arriving in Los Angeles, Lynn spent 9 seasons in the NFL. He was the safeties coach for the Baltimore Ravens for the 2021 and 2022 seasons. In 2022, the Ravens surrendered just 18.5 points per game, which ranked third in the NFL. Lynn guided a position group that featured Chuck Clark, who piled up a career-high 101 total tackles, and Marcus Williams, who led the defense with 4 interceptions. Lynn also developed rookie Kyle Hamilton, who collected 62 tackles. He was also chosen as East head coach for the 2022 East-West Shrine Bowl in Las Vegas.

Lynn spent 2020 as the Houston Texans secondary coach after spending 2 years as their assistant secondary coach (2018-19). Houston won back-to-back AFC South championships in 2018 and 2019. The 2018 team gave up 19.8 points per game, which tied for the league's fourth-best mark. The Texans +13 turnover differential in 2018 still holds a franchise record and was second in the league. Safety Justin Reid excelled in the defensive backfield under Lynn, tallying 249 total tackles and 5 interceptions in 41 games.

In 2017, Lynn held a defensive assistant role with the Los Angeles Chargers when his father, Anthony Lynn, was the head coach. He worked primarily with a linebacker group that contributed to the NFL's best red zone defense. The Chargers defense gave up the third-fewest points per game at 17.0 and was tied for fifth in sacks with 43. Joey Bosa (12.5, seventh) and Melvin Ingram (10.5, 15th) were each listed among the league leaders for sacks.

Lynn was an assistant with the Buffalo Bills from 2015-16. He coached a defense that finished fourth in both passing touchdowns allowed with 19 and in opponent completion



percentage of 59.9% in 2016. The 2015 squad tied for the league lead with 93 passes defended and held opponents to the third-lowest completion percentage of 57.6%.

Lynn began his coaching career as a seasonal intern for the New York Jets in 2014.

Prior to his coaching career, he worked in the scouting department for the Jets in 2013.

Lynn was signed by the Jets as an undrafted free agent in 2012 before finishing his playing career with the Hamilton Tiger-Cats of the Canadian Football League in 2013.

Lynn was a three-time All-Big Ten honorable mention cornerback for Penn State. While playing for the Nittany Lions from 2008-11, he recorded 162 total tackles, 7.0 tackles for loss, 4 interceptions and 1 fumble recovery in 47 games, while starting 37 of his last 38 played. In 2010, Lynn was second among the Nittany Lions with 75 total tackles and tied for the team lead with 3 interceptions.

Lynn and his wife, Courtney, have one child, Anthony III. His father, Anthony, currently serves as the assistant head coach/running backs coach for the San Francisco 49ers.

ANTHONY JONES JR.

Running Backs/Run Game Coordinator

Anthony Jones Jr., most recently serving as the running backs coach at TCU, enters his first season as USC's running backs coach and run game coordinator.

The 2023 Horned Frogs went 5-7, but were ranked No. 11 in the nation in total offense (466.7), and Emani Bailey was No. 20 in the nation in rushing yards (1,209) and No. 14 in rushing yards per game (100.8).

In 2022, Jones worked side-by-side with former TCU offensive coordinator Garrett Riley and helped to coach the Horned Frogs to the 2022 College Football Playoff National Championship.

He tutored Kendre Miller, who was selected in the third round of the 2023 NFL Draft by the New Orleans Saints. Miller earned 2022 First-Team All-Big 12 honors and was a Doak Walker Award Semifinalist. His 1,399 yards made him TCU's first 1,000-yard rusher since 2016. It was also the most by a Horned Frog since La-Dainian Tomlinson led the nation with 2,158 in 2000. Jones also coached Emari Demercado to a career-best season with 681 yards rushing, including 150 yards in the CFP Semifinal win over Michigan.

He was selected for the AFCA 35 Under 35 Leadership Institute as well as the 2022 NCAA and NFL Coaches Academy.

Prior to TCU, Jones spent 4 seasons as running backs coach and recruiting coordinator at Memphis (2018-2021). The Tigers made a bowl

appearance each season.

In his first 2 seasons with the running backs, Memphis totaled 6,533 rushing yards and 78 touchdowns. In 2020, Jones and the running backs helped Memphis rank 22nd in the nation in total offense (453.1) while finishing the year 17th in the nation in both passing offense (307.9) and first downs (260).

While at Memphis, 4 of his running backs were drafted in a three-year period. In the 2021 NFL Draft, Kenneth Gainwell was picked in the fifth round by the Philadelphia Eagles. Gainwell was the 2019 American Athletic Conference Rookie of the Year and Football Writers Association of America Freshman of the Year. He was second in the AAC and 12th nationally in rushing with 1,459 yards. Jones also coached Antonio Gibson who was selected in the third round by the Washington Football Team in the 2020 NFL Draft. In 2019, Darrell Henderson and Tony Pollard were both drafted. Henderson was selected in the third round by the Los Angeles Rams, while Pollard was taken in the fourth round by the Dallas Cowboys.

Jones spent 6 seasons (2013-18) as the head coach of Cordova High School in Cordova, Tenn. In his first season leading the Wolfpack, the program recorded its first winning season in 9 years. Three years later, Cordova tallied the most wins (12) in school history and advanced to the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Division I Class 6A state playoffs semifinal round, before falling to the eventual state champions. In 2017, Jones led Cordova to an 8-3 record and a TSSAA Division I Class 6A playoff appearance.

He was named an AutoZone Liberty Bowl High School All-Star Game assistant coach three times (2012, 2014 and 2015) and was selected to coach in the 2017 Toyota East-West All-Star Classic in Clarksville, Tenn. Jones was awarded District 16A Coach of the Year honors in 2011 and 2012 and also the District 14A Coach of the Year in 2013.

Prior to coaching at Cordova, Jones returned to his alma mater, Westwood High School in Memphis, Tenn. to serve as an assistant coach (2007-2010) before he took over head coaching duties in 2010. As the head coach at Westwood, he guided the Longhorns to their first winning season in 18 years. That marked the first of three-straight conference and regional championships (2010, 2011, 2012) for Westwood.

Throughout 6 seasons as a high school head coach, Jones coached 75 players who earned college football scholarships.

Jones worked as a graduate assistant at Tennessee at Chattanooga in 2007.

Jones was a wide receiver at Tennessee at Chattanooga where he earned First Team All-Southern Conference honors. He graduated with a degree in business. Jones also holds a master's degree in education from Union University.

Jones and his wife, Christina, have two children: Kenzie and Kaylie.

SHAUN NUA

Defensive Ends

Shaun Nua, a former NFL Super Bowl-winning defensive end who has coaching experience in the Pac-12 and Big Ten, enters his third season at USC and first as defensive end coach.

In 2023, Nua, USC's defensive line coach, tutored sophomore Bear Alexander, a Georgia transfer, who made a massive impact on the Trojan defensive line. USC was victorious over No. 16 Louisville in the Holiday Bowl to end the season.

In 2022, Nua was a semifinalist for the Broyles Award. He coached Tuli Tuipulotu, one of the top defenders in the nation in 2022. Tuipulotu was the Polynesian College Football Player of the Year, the Pac-12 Defensive Player of the Year, the defensive Morris Trophy winner and was a finalist for the Bronko Nagurski Trophy, the Rotary Lombardi Award, the Chuck Bednarik Award, the Ted Hendricks Award, and the Lott IMPACT Trophy. Tuipulotu was also a Unanimous First Team All-American being selected by AP, Football Coaches, Football Writers, Walter Camp and Sporting News. He led the nation in sacks with 13.5 and was second in the nation in tackles for loss with 22.0. USC played in the Cotton Bowl to conclude the 2022 season.

He spent the previous 3 seasons (2019-21) as Michigan's defensive line coach. Defensive end Kwity Paye was a first round selection in the 2021 NFL Draft by the Indianapolis Colts. In 2021, defensive end Aidan Hutchinson was a consensus All-American first teamer, Big Ten Defensive Player of the Year and Academic All-American first teamer when he won the Lombardi Award, Hendricks Award and Lott IMPACT Trophy. Michigan was 21st nationally in sacks (2.77) in 2019 and held 7 teams under 100 rushing yards. UM defensive linemen posted 23 tackles for loss and 15.5 sacks in 2019 and followed that with 13.5 tackles for loss and 6.5 sacks during the COVID-shortened 2020 season. The Wolverines played in the 2020 Citrus Bowl and 2021 CFP semifinals in the Orange Bowl.

He was the defensive line coach at Arizona State in 2018. Defensive lineman Russell Wren was a fourth round pick in the 2019 NFL Draft by the Cincinnati Bengals. The Sun Devils played in the 2018 Las Vegas Bowl.

He spent 6 seasons (2012-17) as the defensive line coach at the U.S. Naval Academy. Defensive end Will Anthony was All-American Athletic Conference first team in 2015. The Midshipmen won a school-record 11 games, finished 18th in both polls and shared the AAC West Division title in 2015, their first season in the AAC. In 2016, Navy played in the AAC Championship Game. During his tenure, Navy beat Army 4 times, won 3 Commander-In-Chief's Trophies and played in a bowl each season (2012 Fight Hunger Bowl, 2013 Armed Forces Bowl, 2014 Poinsettia Bowl, 2015 Military Bowl, 2016 Armed Forces Bowl and



2017 Military Bowl).

He began his coaching career at BYU, his alma mater, serving as an intern in 2009 and then a graduate assistant coach working with the defense. BYU was 24th nationally in total defense in 2010 and 13th in 2011. The Cougars appeared in the 2009 Las Vegas Bowl, 2010 New Mexico Bowl and 2011 Armed Forces Bowl.

He played 4 seasons (2005-08) in the NFL, the first 3 with the Pittsburgh Steelers and 2008 with the Buffalo Bills. He was a member of the Steelers' Super Bowl XL-winning team in 2006.

He was a defensive end at BYU for 3 seasons (2002-04), earning All-Mountain West second team honors in 2004.

He earned his bachelor's degree in youth and family recreation in 2005 and a master's degree in recreation management in 2013, both from BYU.

He was a Junior College All-American at Eastern Arizona Junior College before transferring to BYU.

He attended Tafuna High in American Samoa.

He and his wife, Hilary, have 3 children: Losi, Kelina and Malia. He is the son of Sao and Usu Nua. His cousin, Ianeta Le'i, played softball (first base) for 4 seasons (2003-06) at BYU, where she was a 3-time All-American and then served as an assistant coach (2007-13). His cousin, Devin Tavana, was an offensive lineman at Southern Utah (2010-11).

DENNIS SIMMONS

Assistant Head Coach,
Wide Receivers

Offensive Passing Game Coordinator

Dennis Simmons, who has coached some of the collegiate game's elite receivers, enters his third season as the assistant head coach, wide receivers coach and offensive passing game coordinator.

In 2023, Simmons' outside receivers were a part of an offense that was ranked No. 3 in the nation in scoring offense (41.8) and No. 10 in the nation in total offense (467.6). He tutored senior Brenden Rice who was ranked No. 9 in the nation in receiving touchdowns (12). USC was victorious over No. 16 Louisville in the Holiday Bowl to end the season.

In 2022, Simmons coached a standout group of outside receivers who contributed to a record-setting season for the Trojan offense in 2022. He tutored All-Pac-12 First Team member Jordan Addison (59 catches for 875 yards and 8 TDs). USC played in the Cotton Bowl to conclude the 2022 season.

He spent the previous 7 seasons (2015-21) at Oklahoma as the outside receivers coach. He added the associate head coach title in 2019 and 2020 and the assistant head coach and passing game coordinator roles in 2021. He was named one of the nation's Top 25 recruiters by Rivals in 2019. He coached a trio of All-American first team wide receivers at Oklahoma:

2016 Biletnikoff Award winner, Heisman Trophy finalist and unanimous All-American Dede Westbrook (81 catches for 1,524 yards and 17 TDs), Marquise Brown in 2018 (1,318 receiving yards and 10 TDs) and 2019 Biletnikoff finalist and consensus All-American CeeDee Lamb (62 catches for 1,327 yards with 14 TDs). During his tenure, Oklahoma played in the 2015 Orange Bowl (College Football Playoff semifinal), 2017 Sugar Bowl, 2018 Rose Bowl (CFP semifinal), 2018 Orange Bowl (CFP semifinal), 2019 Peach Bowl (CFP semifinal), 2020 Cotton Bowl and 2021 Alamo Bowl.

He was the outside receivers coach at Washington State for 3 years (2012-14). The Cougars led the nation in passing offense (477.7) in 2014, throwing for a Pac-12 record 5,732 yards, and were seventh in total offense and ninth in completion percentage when wideout Vince Mayle tied for fourth nationally in receptions (106) and was fifth in receiving yards (1,483). In 2013, WSU was fourth in the nation in passing offense (368.0) and set a Pac-12 record with 470 completions while playing in the New Mexico Bowl.

He spent 2010 and 2011 as East Carolina's outside receivers coach. Wide receiver Lance Lewis was an All-Conference USA pick in 2010 (89 catches for 1,116 yards with 14 TDs), just the third Pirate ever with a 1,000-yard receiving season. ECU played in the 2010 Military Bowl.

He was Texas Tech's outside receivers coach for 2 years (2008-09). In 2008, wide receiver Michael Crabtree repeated as the Biletnikoff winner and consensus All-American (97 receptions, 1,165 yards, 19 TDs). In 2009, wideout Alex Torres was a Freshman All-American. The Red Raiders played in the 2008 Cotton Bowl and 2010 Alamo Bowl.

Simmons spent 2000 to 2007 in non-coaching roles at Texas Tech. He first was an assistant athletic director/quality control for the football program, then served as the chief of staff for head coach Mike Leach for 3 years (2005-07).

He coached running backs at Cornell in 1999, where also held was an assistant athletics director and chief of staff. He served as an NFL Minority Fellowship intern with the Buffalo Bills in the summer of 1999.

He began his coaching career at BYU, his alma mater, where he worked with the offensive line and special teams in 1997.

He played outside linebacker at BYU (1993-96), where he started the final 3 years. The Cougars won 4 Western Athletic Conference titles and played in the Cotton, Copper, Holiday and Aloha Bowls.

He earned his bachelor's degree in broadcast communications in 1996 and a master's degree in educational leadership in 1999, both from BYU.

He prepped at Kirby High in Memphis (Tenn.).

He and his wife, LaTosha, have a daughter, Kendyll, and son, Kannon.

BENNIE WYLIE

Director of Football Sports Performance

Bennie Wylie, one of the top strength and conditioning coaches in the country, joined the USC staff as the director of football sports performance in December of 2021.

Wylie, 45, spent the previous 4 years (2018-21) as Oklahoma's director of sports performance for football. The Sooners won the Big 12 title in 2018, 2019 and 2020, made a pair of College Football Playoff semifinal appearances in 2018 and 2019 (in the Orange and Peach Bowls, respectively) and also played in the Cotton Bowl in the 2020 season and the Alamo Bowl in 2021.

Prior to arriving at OU, he served as director of performance at The Performance Lab, a private group-training strength and fitness center in Abilene, Tex. He also provided training and obstacle fitness to United States military personnel as a staff member of Alpha Warrior.

He spent 3 years (2011-13) as strength and conditioning head coach for football at Texas. The Longhorns appeared in the 2011 Holiday Bowl and 2012 and 2013 Alamo Bowl.

He spent the 2010 season at Tennessee as strength and conditioning head coach for football. The Volunteers participated in the Music City Bowl.

He served 7 seasons (2003-09) as head strength and conditioning coach at Texas Tech. The Red Raiders competed in bowl games in each season: 2003 Houston Bowl, 2004 Holiday Bowl, 2006 Cotton Bowl, 2006 Insight Bowl, 2008 Gator Bowl, 2009 Cotton Bowl and 2010 Alamo Bowl.

He was an assistant strength and conditioning coach with the Dallas Cowboys from 1999 to 2002, helping rehabilitate injured players. He also spent the spring seasons heading the strength and conditioning program for the Dallas Desperados of the Arena Football League.

He got his start in strength and conditioning as a graduate assistant at Sam Houston State in 1998 and was named the Bearkats' interim head strength and conditioning coach that same year.

He is certified by the Titleist Performance Institute and USA Weightlifting and was named a Master Strength and Conditioning Coach by the Collegiate Strength and Conditioning Coaches Association in 2012.

He was a 4-year (1994-97) letterwinning running back at Sam Houston State, serving as the team captain in 1997 while earning All-Southland Conference second team honors. He also was on the Bearkats' track and field team.

He earned a bachelor's degree in kinesiology from Sam Houston State in 1999.

He prepped at Mexia (Tex.) High.

He was born on July 11, 1976. He and his wife, Jennifer, have twin sons, Braden and Caden, and a daughter, Hope.



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EDDIE CZAPLICKI PUNTS

GAME	PUNTS	WITHIN 20 (TOUCHBACKS)	50+ YARDS
SJSU	2	0 (0)	0
Nevada	2	1 (0)	0
Stanford	5	3 (0)	0
ASU	2	0 (1)	0
Colorado	4	1 (2)	1
Arizona	5	1 (0)	1
ND	3	2 (0)	2
Utah	4	0 (1)	1
California	7	2 (0)	1
UW	2	1 (0)	0
Oregon	4	3 (0)	0
UCLA	2	0 (0)	0
Louisville	2	1 (0)	0
TOTAL	44	15 (4)	6

EDDIE CZAPLICKI KICKOFFS

GAME	KICKOFFS	TOUCHBACKS
SJSU	7	0
Nevada	7	3
Stanford	5	5
ASU	2	1
Colorado	4	4
Arizona	1	0
ND	1	0
Utah	1	0
California	2	1
UW	0	0
Oregon	0	0
UCLA	0	0
TOTAL	30	14

DENIS LYNCH KICKOFFS

GAME	KICKOFFS	TOUCHBACKS
SJSU	2	0
Nevada	4	1
Stanford	4	1
ASU	6	3
Colorado	4	2
Arizona	4	0
ND	3	0
Utah	6	1
California	7	2
UW	7	2
Oregon	4	0
UCLA	5	1
Louisville	4	0
TOTAL	60	13

TYLER ROBLES KICKOFFS

GAME	KICKOFFS	TOUCHBACKS
Louisville	3	0

RED ZONE PRODUCTION

GAME	USC	OPPONENT
SJSU	5-of-5 (TD, TD, TD, TD, TD)	2-of-2 (TD, TD)
Nevada	5-of-5 (TD, TD, TD, TD, FG)	1-of-1 (TD)
Stanford	5-of-5 (TD, TD, TD, TD, TD)	2-of-3 (FG, TD)
ASU	3-of-4 (TD, TD, FG, turnover on downs)	3-of-3 (TD, FG, FG)
Colorado	3-of-4 (TD, TD, TD, missed FG)	3-of-3 (TD, TD, TD)
Arizona	6-of-7 (TD, TD, TD, TD, missed FG, TD, TD)	5-of-5 (FG, TD, FG, TD, TD)
ND	2-of-2 (FG, TD)	5-of-5 (TD, FG, TD, TD, FG)
Utah	3-of-3 (TD, FG, TD)	5-of-6 (TD, turnover on downs, TD, TD, FG, FG)
California	7-of-8 (FG, TD, TD, missed FG, TD, TD, TD, TD)	5-of-5 (TD, TD, TD, TD, TD)
UW	4-of-4 (TD, TD, TD, TD)	7-of-7 (TD, TD, TD, TD, TD, FG, TD)
Oregon	4-of-4 (TD, TD, TD, TD)	3-of-4 (TD, FG, TD, missed FG)
UCLA	3-of-4 (missed FG, TD, FG, TD)	5-of-6 (TD, TD, missed FG, TD, FG, TD)
Louisville	3-of-5 (backed out of red zone, TD, TD, INT, TD)	4-of-5 (TD, TD, TD, TD, turnover on downs)
TOTAL	53-of-60 (0.883)	50-of-55 (0.909)
	47--TD	39--TD
	6--FG	12--FG
	4--missed FG	2--turnover on downs
	1--turnover on downs	2--missed FG
	1--INT	
	1--backed out of red zone	



USC IN NCAA/PAC-12 STAT RANKINGS (as of 1/8/24) - FINAL STATS

NAME	CATEGORY	VALUE	NCAA RANK*	PAC-12 RANK**
Zachariah Branch	Punt Returns	20.8	1	1
Zachariah Branch	Punt Return TDs	1	2	T1
Zachariah Branch	Combined Kick Returns	774	3	1
Caleb Williams	Points Responsible For Per Game	20.8	4	2
Caleb Williams	Points Responsible For	250	5	2
MarShawn Lloyd	Rush Yards Per Carry	7.07	5	1
Zachariah Branch	Kickoff Return TDs	1	6	T1
Caleb Williams	Passing Efficiency	170.1	7	2
Caleb Williams	Passing Yards Per Game	302.8	7	4
Caleb Williams	Passing TDs	30	8	3
Solomon Byrd	Forced Fumbles	0.31	9	2
Caleb Williams	Yards Per Pass Attempt	9.36	9	2
Brenden Rice	Receiving TDs	12	9	4
Caleb Williams	Total Offense	314.6	9	4
Caleb Williams	Passing Yards	3,633	10	4
Caleb Williams	Completion Percentage	0.686	12	4
Caleb Williams	Passing Yards Per Completion	13.66	16	2
Solomon Byrd	Fumbles Recovered	2	19	3
Tackett Curtis	Fumbles Recovered	2	19	3
Caleb Williams	Completions Per Game	22.17	20	5
Tahj Washington	Receiving Yards	1,062	23	6
Tahj Washington	Yards Per Reception	18.00	--	1
Caleb Williams	Rushing TDs	11	--	3
Brenden Rice	Yards Per Reception	17.58	--	3
Mason Cobb	Total Tackles	7.7	--	4
Denis Lynch	Total Points Scored	95	--	5
MarShawn Lloyd	Rushing Yards Per Game	74.5	--	5
Zachariah Branch	Kickoff Returns	18.4	--	5

USC	Blocked Punts	3	T1	1
USC	Blocked Kicks Allowed	0	T1	T1
USC	Blocked Punts Allowed	0	T1	T1
USC	Scoring Offense	41.8	3	2
USC	Team Passing Efficiency	170.88	3	2
USC	Passing Offense	333.0	5	4
USC	Punt Returns	17.00	8	2
USC	Blocked Kicks	3	10	1
USC	Total Offense	467.6	10	2
USC	Completion Percentage	0.681	11	4
USC	Passes Had Intercepted	6	13	3
USC	Passing Yards Per Completion	13.79	17	2
USC	Team Tackles For Loss	6.5	24	2
USC	Net Punting	40.82	25	3
USC	Defensive TDs	2	--	3
USC	Punt Return Defense	5.00	--	3
USC	Tackles for Loss Allowed	4.77	--	3
USC	First Downs Offense	294	--	4
USC	Winning Pct.	0.615	--	4
USC	Fumbles Recovered	9	--	4
USC	3rd Down Conversion Pct.	0.434	--	5
USC	4th Down Conversion Pct.	0.611	--	5

*Top 25 only

**Top 5 only



2023 Team/Individual Stats



2023 Results: [Overall: 8-5 | Pac-12: 5-4 | Home: 4-3 | Away: 3-2 | Neutral: 1-0]

Date	AP	Opp. / Rank	TV	Site	Result	Attend.	Top Passer	Top Rusher	Top Reciever	Top Tackeler
8/26	6	San José State / NR	Pac-12	Coliseum	W 56-28	63,411	C. Williams (18-25-0, 278 yds, 4 TDs)	Jones (6-54-2)	Za. Branch (4-58-1)	J. Smith (8)
9/2	6	Nevada / NR	Pac-12	Coliseum	W 66-14	62,916	C. Williams (18-24-0, 319 yds, 5 TDs)	Lloyd (7-76-1)	Washington (3-75-2)	Lee (10)
9/9	6	Stanford / NR	FOX	Coliseum	W 56-10	67,213	C. Williams (19-21-0, 281 yds, 3 TDs)	Lloyd (9-77-1)	Washington (4-73-0)	J. Smith (6)
9/23	5	Arizona State / NR	FOX	Tempe, Ariz.	W 42-28	54,166 (SO)	C. Williams (20-31-0, 322 yds, 3 TDs)	Lloyd (14-156-0)	Rice (7-133-2)	Gentry (9)
9/30	8	Colorado / NR	FOX	Boulder, Colo.	W, 48-41	54,032 (SO)	C. Williams (30-40-1, 403 yds, 6 TDs)	Lloyd (13-84-1)	Washington (8-117-1)	Cobb (13)
10/7	9	Arizona / NR	ESPN	Coliseum	W, 43-41 (3OT)	62,916	C. Williams (14-25-0, 205 yds, 1 TD)	Lloyd (15-86-1)	Rice (4-96-0)	Smith (10)
10/14	10	Notre Dame / 21	NBC	South Bend, Ind.	L, 20-48	77,622 (SO)	C. Williams (23-37-3, 199 yds, 1 TD)	Lloyd (8-46-1)	Jackson III (6-51-0)	Curtis (8)
10/21	18	Utah / 14	FOX	Coliseum	L, 32-34	61,551	C. Williams (24-34-0, 256 yds, 0 TD)	Lloyd (7-86-1)	Washington (5-112-0)	Cobb (9)
10/28	24	California / NR	Pac-12	Berkeley, Calif.	W, 50-49	43,716	C. Williams (23-40-0, 369 yds, 2 TDs)	Lloyd (17-115-2)	Washington (5-102-0)	Cobb (15)
11/4	24	Washington / 5	ABC	Coliseum	L, 42-52	72,243 (SO)	C. Williams (27-35-0, 312 yds, 3 TDs)	Lloyd (11-127-0)	Washington (8-122-1)	Bullock (9)
11/11	NR	Oregon / 6	FOX	Eugene, Ore.	L, 27-36	59,957 (SO)	C. Williams (19-34-0, 291 yds, 1 TD)	Lloyd (9-37-1)	Rice (5-81-1)	Cobb (9)
11/18	NR	UCLA / NR	ABC	Coliseum	L, 20-38	72,244 (SO)	C. Williams (31-42-1, 384 yds, 1 TD)	Lloyd (8-17-0)	Rice (11-147-1)	Smith, Alexander, Roland-Wallace, Beavers Jr. & Lee (6)
12/27	NR	Louisville / 16	FOX	Petco Park	W, 42-28	35,317	Moss (23-33-1, 372 yds, 6 TDs)	Jones (11-60-0)	Washington (7-99-2)	Smith (12)

STARTERS

Offense	QB	RB	WR	WR	WR/TE	WR/TE	LT	LG	C	RG	RT
San Jose State	C. Williams	Jones	Branch	Hudson	Singer	Mar. Williams	Monheim	Noa	Dedich	Quinones	Tarquin
Nevada	C. Williams	Jones	Branch	Rice	Singer	Mar. Williams	Monheim	Pregnon	Dedich	Kingston	Tarquin
Stanford	C. Williams	Jones	Branch	Rice	Hudson	Mar. Williams	Monheim	Pregnon	Dedich	Kingston	Tarquin
Arizona State	C. Williams	Lloyd	Branch	Rice	Singer	Mar. Williams	Monheim	Pregnon	Dedich	Kingston	Tarquin
Colorado	C. Williams	Lloyd	Washington	Rice	Singer	Mar. Williams	Monheim	Pregnon	Dedich	Kingston	Tarquin
Arizona	C. Williams	Lloyd	Washington	Rice	Singer	McRee	Monheim	Pregnon	Dedich	Kingston	Tarquin
Notre Dame	C. Williams	Lloyd	Washington	Rice	Singer	McRee	Monheim	Pregnon	Dedich	Kingston	Tarquin
Utah	C. Williams	Jones	Branch	Rice	Jackson III	McRee	Monheim	Pregnon	Dedich	Murphy	Kingston
California	C. Williams	Lloyd	Branch	Rice	Singer	Washington	Monheim	Pregnon	Dedich	Murphy	Kingston
Washington	C. Williams	Jones	Branch	Rice	Singer	Washington	Monheim	Pregnon	Dedich	Murphy	Kingston
Oregon	C. Williams	Lloyd	Branch	Rice	Singer	Washington	Monheim	Pregnon	Dedich	Murphy	Kingston
UCLA	C. Williams	Jones	Hudson	Rice	McRee	Washington	Monheim	Pregnon	Dedich	Murphy	Tarquin
Louisville (Holiday Bowl)	Moss	Jones	Branch	Hudson	Singer	Washington	Paige	Pregnon	Dedich	Monheim	Kingston

Defense	DE	NG	DT	Rush	MLB	WLB	CB	FS	SS	CB	NB
San Jose State	Byrd	Alexander	Barrs	Lucas	Cobb	Curtis	Wright	Max Williams	Bullock	Jackson	Smith
Nevada	Byrd	Alexander	Barrs	Muhammad	Davis	Curtis	Wright	Max Williams	Bullock	Jackson	Smith
Stanford	Byrd	Alexander	Barrs	Muhammad	Davis	Curtis	Wright	Max Williams	Bullock	Jackson	Smith
Arizona State	Byrd	Alexander	Ta'ufo'ou	Muhammad	Cobb	Curtis	Wright	Max Williams	Bullock	Jackson	Smith
Colorado	Byrd	Alexander	Ta'ufo'ou	Muhammad	Cobb	Curtis	Roland-Wallace	Shaw	Bullock	Jackson	Smith
Arizona	Byrd	Alexander	Ta'ufo'ou	Muhammad	Cobb	Curtis	Roland-Wallace	Max Williams	Bullock	Covington	Smith
Notre Dame	Byrd	Alexander	Ta'ufo'ou	Muhammad	Davis	Curtis	Roland-Wallace	Max Williams	Bullock	Jackson	Smith
Utah	Byrd	Alexander	Ta'ufo'ou	Muhammad	Cobb	Curtis	Roland-Wallace	Shaw	Bullock	Jackson	Smith
California	Byrd	Benton	Barrs	Muhammad	Lee	Gentry	Roland-Wallace	Branch	Bullock	Jackson	Smith
Washington	Byrd	Alexander	Benton	Muhammad	Cobb	Gentry	Roland-Wallace	Shaw	Bullock	Jackson	Smith
Oregon	Byrd	Alexander	Taleni	Muhammad	Cobb	Davis	Roland-Wallace	Max Williams	Bullock	Jackson	Fegans
UCLA	Byrd	Alexander	Taleni	Muhammad	Cobb	Lee	Roland-Wallace	Max Williams	Bullock	Jackson	Smith
Louisville (Holiday Bowl)	Byrd	Alexander	Taleni	Muhammad	Cobb	Gentry	Covington	Smith	Beavers	P. Brown	Fegans





Punt Returns

Name	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	LG
Branch, Zachariah	16	332	20.8	1	75
Jackson III, Michael	5	25	5.0	0	9
Hudson, Kyron	1	13	13.0	0	13
Robinson, Duce	1	10	10.0	0	0
Total	23	380	16.5	1	75
Opponents	6	30	5.00	0	13

Kick Returns

Name	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	LG
Branch, Zachariah	24	442	18.4	1	96
Lemon, Makai	5	94	18.8	0	26
Marchetti, Roman	1	10	10.0	0	10
Total	30	546	18.2	1	96
Opponents	42	925	22.0	1	99

Interceptions

Name	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	LG
Bullock, Calen	2	41	20.5	1	30
Roland-Wallace, Christian	2	23	11.5	0	23
Williams, Max	1	39	39.0	0	39
Covington, Jacobe	1	24	24.0	0	24
Gentry, Eric	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total	7	127	18.1	1	39
Opponents	6	122	20.3	0	61

Field Goals By Player

Name	FGM-FGA	PCT.	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	LG	BLK
Lynch, Denis	10-14	0.714	--	2-3	5-8	2-2	1-1	53	--

Field Goals Sequence

Numbers in parenthesis indicate made field goals

	USC	Opponents
SJSU	--	--
Nevada	(37)	54, 54
Stanford	--	(38)
Arizona State	(53), (36)	(35), (30)
Colorado	38	41
Arizona	--	(23), (22), 50
Notre Dame	(25), (48)	(36), (23)
Utah	(44), (36)	(33), (38)
California	(23), 33	--
Washington	--	(43)
Oregon	--	(33), 41
UCLA	25, (34), (34)	36, (35)
Louisville (Holiday Bowl)	38	--

Punting

Name	No.	Yds,	Avg.	LG.	TB	FC	In20	50+	BLK
Czaplicki, Eddie	44	1,906	43.3	57	4	26	15	7	0

Kickoffs

Name	No.	Yds,	Avg.	TB	OB
Czaplicki, Eddie	30	1,894	63.1	14	1
Lynch, Denis	60	3,625	60.4	13	3
Robles, Tyler	3	174	58.0	0	0
Total	93	5,693	61.2	27	4
Opponents	77	4,801	62.4	38	1





OFFENSIVE GAME-BY-GAME
PASSING (Quarterback Only)

#13 Caleb Williams	Comp	Att	INT	Pct	Yards	TD	Long
San Jose State	18	25	0	.720	278	4	76
Nevada	18	24	0	.750	319	5	54
Stanford	19	21	0	.905	281	3	75
Arizona State	20	31	0	.645	322	3	45
Colorado	30	40	1	.750	403	6	71
Arizona	14	25	0	.560	205	1	53
Notre Dame	23	37	3	.622	199	1	21
Utah	24	34	0	.706	256	0	51
California	23	40	0	.575	369	2	56
Washington	27	35	0	.771	312	3	43
Oregon	19	34	0	.559	291	1	59
UCLA	31	42	1	.738	384	1	74
Total	266	346	5	.686	3,633	30	76

#7 Miller Moss	Comp	Att	INT	Pct	Yards	TD	Long
San Jose State	5	7	0	.714	63	0	35
Nevada	7	10	0	.700	134	1	71
Stanford	11	15	0	.733	112	0	34
Notre Dame	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0
Louisville (Holiday Bowl)	23	33	1	.697	372	6	44
Total	46	65	1	.708	681	7	71

#8 Malachi Nelson	Comp	Att	INT	Pct	Yards	TD	Long
San Jose State	1	3	0	.333	0	0	0
Total	1	3	0	.333	0	0	0

Player	No-Yds/TD	SJSU	Nevada	Stanford	Arizona State	Colorado	Arizona	Notre Dame	Utah	Califorina	Washington	Oregon	UCLA	Louisville
Jones, Austin	85-477/7	6-54/2	2-19/0	6-33/1	3-36/0	3-6/0	5-15/1	11-27/0	5-31/0	9-37/1	11-127/0	7-26/1	6-6/1	--
Lloyd, MarShawn	116-820/9	9-42/0	7-76/1	9-77/1	14-154/0	13-84/1	15-86/1	8-46/1	7-86/1	17-115/2	--	9-37/1	8-17/0	11-60/0
Joyner, Quinten	18-125/1	5-34/0	4-65/1	5-14/0	--	--	--	2-11/0	--	--	--	--	--	2-1/0
Branch, Zachariah	9-70/1	1/12-0	--	1-2/0	1-17/0	--	--	2-17/0	1-1/1	--	--	1-21/0	1-0/0	1-0/0
Barlow, Darwin	8-81/1	2-10/0	2-20/0	2-7/0	--	--	--	--	--	--	2-44/1	--	--	--
Colombo, Matt	1-7/0	1-7/0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Moss, Miller	4-32/2	1-4/0	--	1-15/1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2-13/0
Williams, Caleb	99-121-11	8-(-2)/0	3-42/0	1-21/1	9-10/2	5-12/0	12-41/3	13-(-8)/0	10-27/1	13-(-13)/2	10-16/1	8-(-11)/1	7-(-20)/0	--
Williams, Mario	2-0/0	--	1-(-4)/0	--	--	--	1-4/0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Peterson, A/Marion	2-14/0	--	--	2-14/0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Washington, Tahj	1-10/0	--	--	--	--	--	--	1-10/0	--	--	--	--	--	--
Brown, Raleek	3-16/1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	3-16/1	--	--
Jensen, Jake	1-1/0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1-1/0
Team	13-(-33)/0	1-(-1)/0	1-(-3)/0	1-(-3)/0	2-(-4)/0	4-(-7)/0	--	--	--	1-(-11)/0	--	1-0/0	--	--2-(-4)/0

Receiving

Player	No-Yds/TD	SJSU	Nevada	Stanford	Arizona State	Colorado	Arizona	Notre Dame	Utah	Califorina	Washington	Oregon	UCLA	Louisville
Branch, Zachariah	31-320/2	4-58/1	1-22/1	4-30/0	4-68/0	--	--	2-17/0	1-2/0	1-26/0	3-16/0	4-21/0	5-28/0	2-9/0
Singer, Dorian	24-286/3	4-41/1	2-37/0	2-41/1	1-14/0	3-24/1	--	2-22/0	4-35/0	3-9/0	1-9/0	1-44/0	--	1-13/0
Robinson, Duce	16-351/2	6-44/0	1-71/1	4-71/0	--	--	--	--	--	--	1-43/0	2-46/0	4-32/0	1-44/1
McRae, Lake	26-262/1	3-36/0	1-10/-0	4-29/1	1-2/0	2-19/0	--	1-21/0	3-35/0	4-71/0	4-22/0	1-0/0	2-17/0	--
Washington, Tahj	59-1,062/8	2-85/1	3-75/2	4-73/0	1-45/1	8-117/1	3-61/0	4-41/0	5-112/0	5-102/0	8-122/1	4-82/0	5-48/0	7-99/2
Williams, Mario	29-305/2	2-26/0	4-66/0	4-19/0	2-16/0	3-53/1	2-26/0	5-28/0	2-25/0	--	1-42-1	--	1-4/0	--
Williams, Caleb	1-15/0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1-15/0	--	--
Brown, Raleek	3-18/0	1-14/0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2-4/0	--	--	--
Lloyd, MarShawn	13-232/0	1-12/0	2-59/0	--	1-(-4)/0	1-12/0	--	1-1/0	1-5/0	3-72/0	--	--	3-75/0	--
Rice, Brenden	45-791/12	1-12/1	3-37/1	1-75/1	7-133/2	5-81/2	4-96/0	2-18/1	5-34/0	2-33/1	2-44/1	5-81/1	8-147/1	--
Hudson, Kyron	17-189/2	1-8/0	1-20/1	1-14/0	1-18/0	3-40/0	2-12/1	--	--	3-42/0	2-10/0	1-9/0	--	2-16/1
Lane, Ja'Kobi	7-93/2	1-5/0	1-11/0	1-12/0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1-5/0	3-60/2
Lemon, Makai	6-88/0	1-0/0	3-13/0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2-75/0
Jackson III, Michael	17-146/1	--	1-15/1	1-4/0	2-30/0	3-30/0	1-8/0	6-51/0	3-8/0	--	--	--	--	--
Barlow, Darwin	1-10/0	--	1-10/0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Joyner, Quinten	1-7/0	--	1-7/0	1-0/0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Jones, Austin	13-103/1	--	--	2-14/0	--	1-24/0	2-2/0	--	--	2-14/1	--	1-8/0	1-3/0	4-24/0
Zamora, Josiah	2-11/0	--	--	2-11/0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Wolfe, Jude	2-5/1	--	--	--	--	1-3/1	--	--	--	--	--	--	1-2/0	--
Tabaracci, Carson	1-32/0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1-32/0





USC Giveaways/Takeways

Game	Giveaways			Takeaways			Diff.
	Fum	INT	Tot	Fum	Int	Tot	
SJSU	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nevada	1	0	1	1	0	1	0
Stanford	0	0	0	2	1	3	3
Arizona State	1	0	1	1	1	2	1
Colorado	0	1	1	0	1	1	0
Arizona	1	0	1	0	1	1	0
Notre Dame	2	3	5	0	0	0	-5
Utah	1	0	1	0	1	1	0
California	1	0	1	3	1	4	3
Washington	1	0	1	0	1	1	0
Oregon	1	0	1	0	0	0	-1
UCLA	2	1	3	0	0	0	-3
Louisville	0	1	1	2	0	2	1
Total	11	6	17	9	7	16	-1

Opening Drives-Offense

Game	1st Half	2nd Half
San Jose State	Touchdown	Touchdown
Nevada	Touchdown	Touchdown
Stanford	Touchdown	Punt
Arizona State	Touchdown	Field Goal
Colorado	Touchdown	Punt
Arizona	Punt	Touchdown
Notre Dame	Interception	Punt
Utah	Touchdown	Punt
California	Field Goal	Touchdown
Washington	Touchdown	Touchdown
Oregon	Punt	Punt
UCLA	Turnover on Downs	Fumble
Louisville	Punt	Interception

USC On Pregame Coin Flip

Game	Result	Score
San Jose State	Lost (Received)	W, 56-28
Nevada	Lost (Received)	W, 66-14
Stanford	Won (Received)	W, 56-10
Arizona State	Lost (Received)	W, 42-28
Colorado	Lost (Received)	W, 48-41
Arizona	Lost (Received)	W, 43-41
Notre Dame	Lost (Received)	L, 20-48
Utah	Won (Deferred)	L, 32-34
California	Won (Received)	W, 50-49
Washington	Won (Received)	L, 42-52
Oregon	Won (Received)	L, 27-36
UCLA	Lost (Received)	L, 20-38
Louisville	Won (Received)	W, 42-28

Opening Drives-Defense

Game	1st Half	2nd Half
San Jose State	Punt	Punt
Nevada	Touchdown	Punt
Stanford	Interception	Punt
Arizona State	Punt	Punt
Colorado	Punt	Punt
Arizona	Field Goal	Field Goal
Notre Dame	Touchdown	Punt
Utah	Touchdown	Touchdown
California	Turnover (Fumble)	Turnover on Downs
Washington	Touchdown	Interception
Oregon	Touchdown	Touchdown
UCLA	Touchdown	Touchdown
Louisville	Touchdown	Punt

Opponent Team Statistics

Player	SJSU	Nevada	Stanford	Arizona State	Colorado	Arizona	Notre Dame	Utah	Califorina	Washington	Oregon	UCLA	Louisville
First Downs	24	12	20	21	32	28	13	23	29	27	26	19	22
Rush	10	2	9	8	17	12	7	12	8	10	8	9	15
Pass	9	8	7	11	12	14	6	8	15	15	15	10	4
Penalty	5	2	4	2	2	2	0	3	6	2	3	0	3
Rush Attempts	27	38	41	32	45	42	29	47	42	42	31	45	45
Yards Gained	232	98	245	136	224	232	130	275	261	333	159	222	239
Yards Lost	34	49	36	46	31	29	5	28	26	17	19	23	19
Net Yards	198	49	209	90	193	203	125	247	235	316	140	199	220
Net Yards Passing	198	311	140	263	371	303	126	235	292	256	412	155	141
Passes Attempted	39	34	25	39	45	35	20	23	39	30	32	31	25
Passes Completed	21	22	10	23	30	25	13	14	25	22	23	18	21
Had Intercepted	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
Total Offensive Plays	66	72	66	71	90	77	49	70	81	72	63	76	70
Total Net Yards	396	360	349	353	564	506	251	482	527	572	552	354	361
Average/Play	6	5	5.3	5	6.3	6.6	5.1	6.9	6.5	7.9	8.8	4.7	5.2
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	2-1	5-2	2-1	0-0	2-0	0-0	1-0	3-3	0-0	2-0	1-0	2-2
Penalties-Yards	3-21	4-49	5-40	4-26	7-60	12-99	5-54	8-50	5-45	6-52	13-120	6-50	4-44
Punts-Yards	7-320	6-244	7-335	3-115	5-169	3-109	5-229	4-181	3-138	1-0	1-41	4-154	3-74
Average/Punt	45.7	40.7	47.9	38.3	33.8	36.3	45.8	45.2	46	0	41	38.5	24.7
Punt Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-2	1-6	3-22	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Kickoff Returns-Yards	3-53	4-68	3-57	3-83	1-17	0-0	4-168	4-103	2-36	5-112	5-54	3-43	7-131
Interceptions-Yards	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	3-61	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-61
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-15	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-11	0-0
Possession Time	30:42	35:59	32:08	31:48	32:05	35:39	25:25	34:42	27:24	34:40	30:42	32:34	36:34
3rd Down Conversions	5 of 13	5 of 19	4 of 13	6 of 16	9 of 18	8 of 16	3 of 10	3 of 13	6 of 14	7 of 10	4 of 9	13 of 20	6 of 12
4th Down Conversions	0 of 1	2 of 4	0 of 1	3 of 4	1 of 2	2 of 2	0 of 0	2 of 3	2 of 5	1 of 1	1 of 1	1 of 1	2 of 3
Sacks-Yards	2-23	1-8	0-0	2-14	2-13	4-22	6-44	3-14	4-43	3-30	3-30	4-26	0-0





Defense Game-by-Game

Players	Total	SJSU	Nevada	Stanford	Arizona St.	Colorado	Arizona	ND	Utah	Cal	UW	Oregon	UCLA	Louisville
Smith, Jaylin	75	8	6	6	6	5	10	2	3	10	1	--	6	12
Cobb, Mason	85	6	--	--	1	13	6	5	9	15	8	9	5	6
Jackson, Domani	33	5	5	1	--	1	--	3	1	3	5	4	5	--
Wright, Ceyair	11	4	1	1	2	--	3	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Bullock, Calen	61	4	5	3	7	5	6	6	4	7	9	3	2	--
Lucas, Anthony	10	3	1	1	1	1	1	--	2	--	--	--	--	--
Muhammad, Jamil	47	3	3	1	8	3	5	1	3	5	4	1	5	5
Williams, Max	27	2	4	3	2	--	4	1	--	--	3	6	--	2
Shaw, Bryson	57	2	3	5	6	6	3	4	6	10	4	--	3	5
Curtis, Tackett	40	2	2	3	7	3	4	8	4	3	1	3	--	--
Gentry, Eric	45	2	--	2	9	--	5	--	2	6	8	--	5	6
Barrs, Kyon	18	2	--	--	--	2	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	5
Covington, Jacobe	12	2	1	--	1	1	3	--	--	--	--	--	-	4
Ta'ufo'ou, Stanley	9	1	--	2	--	2	--	--	1	--	1	--	1	1
Branch, Zion	22	1	3	3	1	1	1	4	6	3	--	--	--	--
Hughes, Elijah	6	1	1	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	3
Beavers Jr., Anthony	18	1	--	3	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	2	6	5
Roland-Wallace, Christian	37	1	2	3	3	5	4	1	2	4	3	3	6	--
Byrd, Solomon	49	1	4	4	5	3	3	4	7	2	3	4	4	4
Alexander, Bear	47	1	4	2	5	2	4	--	6	1	6	6	6	4
Shelby, Braylan	18	1	3	1	--	2	2	--	1	1	4	--	2	1
Lee, Shane	28	--	10	2	--	--	1	2	2	1	2	2	6	--
Davis, Raesjon	18	--	4	1	--	2	--	1	4	2	--	4	--	--
Benton, De'jon	12	--	3	1	--	3	2	--	1	2	--	--	--	--
Thompson Jr., Chris	9	--	2	--	--	1	--	--	3	--	2	--	--	1
Height, Romello	21	--	2	3	5	2	1	1	2	2	--	1	1	1
Pepe, Kobe	4	--	2	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1
Palmer, Deuce	2	--	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1	--
Tabaracci, Carson	4	--	1	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2
Pierce, Christian	7	--	1	1	--	--	--	1	--	--	--	3	1	--
Greene, Sam	1	--	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Lynch, Denis	3	--	--	1	1	--	--	1	--	--	--	--	--	--
Thompkins, Devan	1	--	--	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Foreman, Korey	1	--	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Taleni, Tyrone	11	--	--	--	2	--	3	--	1	1	--	3	--	1
Washington, Tahj	3	--	--	--	--	--	1	--	1	--	--	--	--	--
Sullivan, Jack	8	--	--	--	--	--	1	--	--	--	--	2	2	3
Brown, Prophet	8	--	--	--	--	--	1	--	--	--	--	1	1	5
Kingston, Jarrett	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	1	--	1	--	--	--	--
Casasante, Jac	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	1	--	--	--	--	--	--
Branch, Zachariah	1	--	--	--	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Milek, Andrew	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1	--	--	--	--
Jones, Austin	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1	--	--	--
Fegans, Tre'Quon	9	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1	3	5	--	--
Lemon, Makai	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1
Hudson, Kyron	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1



Participation Game-By-Game

No.	Player	GP-GS	SJSU	Nevada	Stanford	ASU	Colorado	Arizona	ND	Utah	Cal	UW	Oregon	UCLA	Louisville
0	Foreman, Korey	3/0	XXX	XXX	XXX	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
0	Lloyd, MarShawn	11/6	XXX	XXX	XXX	START	START	START	START	XXX	START	...	START	XXX	...
1	Branch, Zachariah	11/9	START	START	START	START	...	...	XXX	START	START	START	START	XXX	START
1	Jackson, Domani	11/11	START	START	START	START	START	...	START	START	START	START	START	START	...
2	Rice, Brenden	12/11	XXX	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	...
2	Height, Romello	11/0	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	...	XXX	XXX	XXX
4	Williams, Max	10/7	START	START	START	START	...	START	START	...	...	XXX	XXX	START	XXX
4	Williams, Mario	12/5	START	START	START	START	START	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	...
6	Jones, Austin	13/7	START	START	START	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	START	XXX	START	XXX	START	START
6	Lucas, Anthony	13/1	START	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
7	Bullock, Calen	12/12	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	...
7	Moss, Miller	5/1	XXX	XXX	XXX	...	...	...	XXX	...	...	...	...	...	START
8	Branch, Zion	9/1	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	START	...	...	...	...
8	Nelson, Malachi	1/0	XXX	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
9	Davis, Raesjon	11/4	XXX	START	START	XXX	XXX	XXX	START	XXX	XXX	XXX	START	...	...
9	Jackson III, Michael	9/1	...	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	START	XXX	...	...	XXX	...
10	Muhammad, Jamil	13/12	XXX	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START
10	Hudson, Kyron	13/3	XXX	XXX	START	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	START	START
13	Cobb, Mason	11/9	START	...	...	START	START	START	XXX	START	XXX	START	START	START	START
13	Williams, Caleb	12/12	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	...
14	Covington, Jacobe	6/2	XXX	XXX	...	XXX	XXX	START	...	...	...	...	...	...	START
14	Brown, Raleek	2/0	XXX	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	XXX	...	...	...
15	Singer, Dorian	13/10	START	START	XXX	START	START	START	START	XXX	START	START	START	XXX	START
15	Beavers, Anthony	12/1	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	...	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	START
16	Washington, Tahj	13/8	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	START	START	START	XXX	START	START	START	START	START
16	Brown, Prophet	9/1	XXX	XXX	XXX	...	XXX	XXX	...	...	...	XXX	XXX	XXX	START
17	Roland - Wallace, Christian	12/8	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	...
17	Jensen, Jake	1/0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	XXX
18	Wolfe, Jude	12/0	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	...
18	Gentry, Eric	11/3	XXX	...	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	START	START	...	XXX	START
19	Robinson, Duce	10/0	XXX	XXX	XXX	...	XXX	XXX	...	XXX	...	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
19	Smith, Jaylin	12/12	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	...	START	START
21	Joyner, Quinten	6/0	XXX	XXX	XXX	...	...	...	XXX	...	XXX	...	...	...	XXX
22	Barlow, Darwin	8/0	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	...	...	XXX	XXX	...	XXX	...	XXX	...
22	Wright, Ceyair	7/4	START	START	START	START	XXX	XXX	XXX	...	...	...	...	...	...
23	Fegans, Tre'Quon	6/2	...	...	...	...	XXX	...	...	XXX	XXX	XXX	START	...	START
24	Lemon, Makai	9/0	XXX	XXX	...	...	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	...	...	XXX	XXX	XXX
24	Pierce, Christian	10/0	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	...	...	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	...
25	Curtis, Tackett	12/8	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	...
26	Ross, Fabian	0/0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
27	Peterson, A'Marion	2/0	XXX	...	XXX	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
27	Shaw, Bryson	13/3	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	START	XXX	XXX	START	XXX	START	XXX	XXX	XXX
28	Gordon, Xamarion	0/0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
28	Roy, Gage	0/0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
29	Crawford, Maliki	0/0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
30	Thompson Jr., Chris	13/0	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
31	Ward, Isaac	0/0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
31	Talení, Tyrone	10/3	...	...	...	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	START	START	START
34	Colombo, Matt	4/0	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
34	Shelby, Braylan	13/0	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
35	Peevy, DJ	0/0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
35	McAllister, Michael	0/0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
36	Rose, Will	13/0	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
36	Dunn, Hunter	0/0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
37	Czaplicki, Eddie	13/0	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
37	Thompkins, Devan	2/0	...	XXX	XXX	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
39	Casasante, Jac	13/0	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
39	Pomerantz, Garrett	0/0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
40	Shamblin, Ty	0/0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...



Participation Game-By-Game (Cont.)

No.	Player	GP-GS	SJSU	Nevada	Stanford	ASU	Colorado	Arizona	ND	Utah	Cal	UW	Oregon	UCLA	Louisville
40	Simpson, L	0/0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
41	Madden, Garrison	1/0	...	XXX	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
42	Palmer, Deuce	5/0	...	XXX	XXX	...	...	XXX	...	...	XXX	...	...	XXX	...
42	Sleep-Dalton, Aadyn	0/0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
44	Greene, Sam	3/0	...	XXX	...	XXX	XXX	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
44	Zamora, Josiah	3/0	...	XXX	XXX	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	XXX	...	...
45	Shepherd, Brandon	0/0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
46	Lynch, Dennis	13/0	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
47	Nerhus, Corey	0/0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
47	Ta'ufou, Stanley	13/5	XXX	XXX	XXX	START	START	START	START	START	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
48	Jimenez-Fulton, Daniel	0/0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
48	Meunier, Daniel	0/0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
50	Galván, M att	0/0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
51	Byrd, Solomon	13/13	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START
52	Bravos, Theo	0/0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
52	Kingston, Jarrett	12/11	XXX	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	...	START
53	Lee, Shane	12/2	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	START	XXX	XXX	START	...
53	Weneta, Nathan	0/0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
56	Dewerk, Andres	3/0	XXX	XXX	XXX	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
56	Hughes, Elijah	8/0	XXX	XXX	XXX	...	...	...	XXX	...	XXX	...	XXX	XXX	XXX
57	Dedich, Justin	13/13	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START
57	Marchetti Roman	4/0	XXX	XXX	XXX	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	XXX
58	Tuliaupupu, Solomon	0/0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
59	Banuelos, Micah	1/0	...	...	XXX	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
61	Susnjar, Jack	0/0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
62	Lovelace, Cooper	4/0	XXX	XXX	XXX	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	XXX	...
65	Tucker, Grant	0/0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
66	Quinones, Gino	2/1	START	XXX	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
67	O'Connor, Kilian	7/0	XXX	XXX	XXX	...	...	XXX	XXX	...	...	...	XXX	...	XXX
70	Pregnon, Emmanuel	13/12	XXX	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START
71	Tarquin, Michael	12/8	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	START	...
72	Paige, Elijah	5/1	XXX	XXX	XXX	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	XXX	START
73	Raymond, Tobias	2/0	...	XXX	XXX	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
75	Talalele, Amos	1/0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	XXX
76	Murphy, Mason	13/5	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	START	START	START	START	START	XXX
77	Noa, Alani	6/1	START	XXX	XXX	...	...	...	...	XXX	...	...	...	XXX	XXX
78	Mikek, Andrew	11/0	...	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXXX	...
79	Benton, De'jon	9/2	...	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	START	START	...	...	...
79	Monheim, Jonah	13/13	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START
82	Moore, Jaden	0/0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
84	Tabaracci, Carson	12/0	XXX	XXX	XXX	...	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
85	Moore, Jaden	0/0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
87	McRee, Lake	12/4	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	START	START	START	XXX	XXX	XXX	START	...
88	Eldridge, Kade	1/0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	XXX
89	Lane, Ja'Kobi	6/0	XXX	XXX	XXX	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	XXX	XXX	XXX
90	Alexander, Bear	13/12	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	XXX	START	START	START	START
91	Laffitte, Deijon	0/0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
92	Barrs, Kyon	13/4	START	START	START	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	START	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
93	Astani, Sinjun	3/0	XXX	XXX	XXX	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
94	Pepe, Kobe	4/0	XXX	XXX	XXX	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	XXX
95	Otte, Luke	0/0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
96	Woods, CJ	0/0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
96	Robles, Tyler	2/0	...	XXX	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	XXX
98	White, Garth	0/0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
99	Sullivan, Jack	13/0	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX



2023 GAME SUMMARIES

GAME 1 – September 3, Los Angeles Coliseum USC 56, San José State 28 Att: 63,411

SJSU	0	14	7	7	--	28
USC	7	14	21	14	--	56

Defending Heisman Trophy winner **QB Caleb Williams** passed for 278 yards and 4 TDs, and freshman **WR Zachariah Branch** made an electrifying debut with a 96-yard kickoff return and a 25-yard reception for touchdowns in No. 6 USC's 56-28 victory over San Jose State.

Williams commanded an up-beat Lincoln Riley offense by leading 6 TD drives in eight series. **WRs Dorian Singer, Tahj Washington** and **Brenden Rice** also caught TD passes and **RB Austin Jones** rushed for two more scores.

After Singer scored in the first quarter, Williams showed off his famed poise and playmaking originality in the second quarter when he dropped a shotgun snap, corralled it and promptly flung a stunning 76-yard touchdown pass to Washington – the longest pass of Williams' career.

San José State's QB Chevan Cordeiro hit WR Nick Nash with a 28-yard TD pass just 8 seconds before halftime to trim USC's lead to 21-14, setting off a few grumbles in the Coliseum. But Williams confidently led a drive ending in Jones' second TD to open the second half.

Four minutes later, Trojan fans saw Branch light up the Coliseum with a catch-and-run for a score on a drive set up by his 35-yard punt return.

Branch then broke it open with his kickoff return down the Spartans' sideline in the third quarter, dodging tackles all the way home. The Coliseum crowd, which has cheered game-breaking talents from Reggie Bush and Marqise Lee to Amon-Ra St. Brown and Drake London over the past two decades alone, rose and roared for a freshman.

San Jose State's WR Nash caught three touchdown passes from Cordeiro, who passed for 198 yards and rushed for 52 more.

Williams threw his last TD pass of the game to Rice before **QB Miller Moss** came in to take over. He ran the ball in for a TD himself, his first rushing TD of his career.

SCORING

First Quarter

USC -- Singer 13-yard pass from C. Williams (Lynch kick)

Second Quarter

SJSU -- Robinson 1-yard rush (Halvorsen kick)

USC -- Washington 76-yard pass from C. Williams (Lynch kick)

USC -- Jones 2-yard rush (Lynch kick)

SJSU -- Nash 28-yard pass from Cordeiro (Halvorsen kick)

Third Quarter

USC -- Jones 3-yard rush (Lynch kick)

USC -- Branch 25-yard pass from C. Williams (Lynch kick)

SJSU -- Nash 32-yard pass from Cordeiro (Halvorsen kick)

USC -- Branch 96-yard kickoff return (Lynch kick)

Fourth Quarter

USC -- Rice 12-yard pass from C. Williams (Lynch kick)

USC -- Moss 4-yard rush (Lynch kick)

SJSU -- Nash 2-yard pass from Cordeiro (Halvorsen kick)

USC	STATISTICS	SJSU
25	First Downs	23
160	Net Yards Rushing	198
341	Net Yards Passing	198
35	Passes Attempted	39
24	Passes Completed	21
0	Had Intercepted	0
69	Total Plays	66
501	Total Yards	396
2/41.5	Punts/Avg	7-45.7
1/0	Fumbles-Lost	1/0
8/57	Penalties/Yards	3-21
29:18	Time of Possession	30:42

TOP INDIVIDUALS

RUSHING – Conley (SJSU) 6-108, Jones (USC) 6-54, Cordeiro (SJSU) 10-52, Lloyd (USC) 9-42, Joyner (USC) 5-34

PASSING – C. Williams (USC) 15-25-278; Cordeiro (SJSU) 21-38-198; Moss (USC) 5-7-63

RECEIVING – Nash (SJSU) 6-89, Ross (SJSU) 5-62, Branch (USC) 4-58, Singer (USC) 4-41, Robinson (USC) 3-44, Robinson (SJSU) 3-14

GAME 2 – September 2, Los Angeles Coliseum USC 66, Nevada 14 Att: 62,916

Nevada	7	0	0	7	--	14
USC	21	14	7	24	--	66

QB Caleb Williams went 18-of-24 for 319 yards and 5 TDs and rushed for 42 yards to lead the Trojans to victory over Nevada 66-14 in the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum. His 5 touchdown passes tied his most as a Trojan (4th time). USC is now 2-0 on the 2023 season.

USC had 668 total yards of offense and 501 total yards in the first game. USC now has 11 games of 500 or more total yards under **Lincoln Riley** (16 games). USC's 668 total yards were its most since amassing 737 total yards vs. Idaho on Sept. 12, 2015 in a 59-9 win. The last time USC opened a season by scoring more than 50 points in each of its first two games was the 2015 season. USC began that season with a 55-6 win over Arkansas State and a 59-9 win over Idaho. The last time USC scored more points in any two games in a season (122 points through 2 games) was the start of the 2005 season, when the Trojans scored 133 in defeating at home Hawai'i (63-17) and Arkansas (70-17). The 66 points scored were USC's most since defeating Rice also 66-14 in the 2022 season opener on Sept. 3, 2022. The 35 first-half points scored by USC matches the most points by the Trojans in a half under Lincoln Riley, done twice before (35 in the second half vs. Rice on Sept. 3, 2022 and 35 in first half vs. Stanford on Sept. 10, 2022).

USC's defense collected 5 sacks by 5 different defenders.

In USC's first offensive drive of the game, Williams scrambled, stiff-armed a defender and managed to toss a 30-yard pass to **WR Dorian Singer** to whip up some magic to start the game. Williams then threw a 22-yard TD pass to **WR Zachariah Branch** put the Trojans on the board first with a 7-0 score.

The Wolfpack responded with a TD of their own as RB Sean Dollars rushed 3 yards into the end zone to tie up the score.

Six minutes later, **RB MarShawn Lloyd** scored on a 24-yard rush for the Trojans. **WR Tahj Washington** closed out the first quarter as he caught a 22-yard pass from Williams and shimmied around Wolfpack defenders to find open grass into the end zone to make the score 21-7.

The second quarter opened with another Trojan TD as Williams tossed a pass right over the middle of the field to **WR Michael Jackson III** who paid tribute to his namesake, the King of Pop, with a dance move in the end zone.

As the Trojans continued to wind down the clock, the Coliseum was awaiting more magic from the defending Heisman Trophy winner. He threw a 54-yard pass to Lloyd to ignite a roar from the crowd and set up the next exciting play. In true Williams fashion, he extended the following play with his feet, running around the field escaping defenders to find **WR Brenden Rice** in the end zone for a 13-yard TD. USC led 35-7.

Washington opened the second half with another TD pass from Williams to mark the only score from either team in the third quarter.

Williams exited the game and it was officially "Miller Time". **QB Miller Moss** went 7-of-10 (70%) with no INTs.

In the fourth quarter, **PK Denis Lynch** scored on a 37-yard field goal and **DT Stanley Ta'ufu'ou** returned a fumble for a 23-yard TD. It was the first fumble recovery by a Trojan returned for a touchdown since Tuli Tuipulotu at Washington State on Sept. 18, 2021. In his press conference after the game, Coach Riley said, "Obviously Stanley's fumble return was probably the major highlight of the game. When big people score, football is more fun. So that was awesome."

Nevada responded with a TD as QB AJ Bianco threw a 77-yard pass to WR Jamaal Bell.

Two young Trojans had the opportunity to score late in the game for USC. **RB Quinten Joyner** collected a 47-yard rushing TD and **WR Duce Robinson** scored on a 71-yard pass from Moss (a career-long for the QB). Both TDs were the first of their Trojan careers.

USC improves to 6-0-0 overall in its series with the Wolfpack.

SCORING

First Quarter

USC -- Za. Branch 22-yard pass from C. Williams (Lynch kick)

Nev -- Dollars 3-yard rush (Talton kick)

USC -- Lloyd 24-yard rush (Lynch kick)

USC -- Washington 22-yard pass from C. Williams (Lynch kick)

Second Quarter

USC -- Jackson III 15-yard pass from C. Williams (Lynch kick)

USC -- Rice 13-yard pass from C. Williams (Lynch kick)

Third Quarter

USC -- Washington 45-yard pass from C. Williams (Lynch kick)

Fourth Quarter

USC -- Lynh 37-yard field goal

USC -- Ta'ufu'ou 23-yard fumble return (Lynch kick)

Nev -- Bell 77-yard pass from Bianco (Talton kick)

USC -- Joyner 47-yard rush (Lynch kick)

USC -- Robinson 71-yard pass from Moss (Robles kick)

USC	STATISTICS	NEV
28	First Downs	12
215	Net Yards Rushing	49
453	Net Yards Passing	371
25	Passes Attempted	22
34	Passes Completed	34
0	Had Intercepted	0
54	Total Plays	72
668	Total Yards	360
2/42.5	Punts/Avg	6-40.7
2/1	Fumbles-Lost	2/1
8/75	Penalties/Yards	4-49
24:01	Time of Possession	35:59

TOP INDIVIDUALS

RUSHING – Lloyd (USC) 7-76, Joyner (USC) 4-65, C. Williams (USC) 3-42, Dollars (Nev) 9-33, Barlow (USC) 2-20, Hayes (Nev) 9-15

PASSING – C. Williams (USC) 18-24-319, Lewis (Nev) 18-29-182, Moss (USC) 7-10-134, Bianco (Nev) 4-5-129

RECEIVING – Bell (Nev) 8-121, Curtis (Nev) 3-83, Washington (USC) 3-75, Mar. Williams (USC) 4-66, Jackson III (Nev) 3-52, Rice (USC) 3-37



GAME 3 – September 9, Los Angeles Coliseum
USC 56, Stanford 10
Att: 63,411

Stanford	0	3	0	7	--	10
USC	21	28	0	7	--	56

QB Caleb Williams went 19-of-21 for 281 yards and 3 TDs with no INTs and rushed for 21 yards and 1 TD to lead USC to a 56-10 victory over Stanford in the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum. Williams put up those numbers in just 1 half of football. He hasn't played an entire game for the Trojans yet, as backup QB Miller Moss has come in to take over in each game this season. Williams has played 8 quarters of football through 3 games this season.

The 56 points USC scored against Stanford were the most against the Cardinal in the history of the series. USC's 178 points in three games this season, ties for the second-most in any three-game stretch in school history. USC scored 186 points in the first three games of the 1925 season, and also scored 178 in the first three games of the 2005 season. The 49 first-half points scored by USC are the most scored by the Trojans in a half under Lincoln Riley.

The defending Heisman Trophy winner made a statement to open the game and shoved his way past the Cardinal defenders into the end zone to score his first rushing TD of the season.

In Stanford's first offensive possession, USC **S Max Williams** read Cardinal QB Daniels, intercepted his pass and ran it back for 39 yards to the Stanford 4-yard line. This set up USC **RB MarShawn Lloyd** to score a 1-yard rushing TD to push the Trojans ahead 14-0 with 9 minutes left in the first quarter.

Closing out the first quarter of play, **RB Austin Jones** ran right up the middle for a TD after a second Lloyd TD was called back due to a holding penalty.

When **WR Zachariah Branch** touches the ball on a return, Trojan fans now all hold their breath. After fielding a punt early in the second quarter, Branch screamed down the field for a punt return TD. He is the first Trojan since Adoree' Jackson in 2016 to have a punt return and kickoff return for a TD, as well as at least one receiving TD in the same season. Since 1971 (when records are available) Branch is one of just 3 USC players to accomplish the feat, joining Jackson and Curtis Conway (1992 – 1 kickoff return TD, 1 punt return TD, 5 rec TD).

Shortly thereafter, Williams, who loves to extend the plays with his feet, danced and moved through his progressions to find **WR Dorian Singer** in the back-right corner of the end zone. USC led 28-0.

The Trojan defense continued to hold off the Cardinal offense and **DL Bear Alexander** was disruptive all night. Although the stat sheet doesn't always recognize the nose tackle position, Alexander was a dominant force on the Trojan defensive line and continued to put pressure on the Cardinal offense throughout the entire game. His penetration has led to his teammates making big plays in the backfield.

USC **WR Brenden Rice** caught a 75-yard bomb, the longest of his career, and scored a TD. **TE Lake McRee** ended the first half with a TD off a short pass from Williams to score his first TD of the season. USC closed out the first half 49-3.

USC **QB Miller Moss** came in to start the second half. With no action in the third, Stanford scored its first TD of the night in the fourth quarter as QB Lamson scored a 1-yard rushing TD.

Moss responded with a rushing TD of his own – a 15-yard keeper to extend USC's lead to 56-10.

The USC defense held the Cardinal to just 209 rushing yards and 140 passing yards.

SCORING
First Quarter

USC -- C. Williams 21-yard rush (Lynch kick)
 USC -- Lloyd 5-yard rush (Lynch kick)
 USC -- Jones 1-yard rush (Lynch kick)

Second Quarter

USC -- Branch 75-yard pass from C. Williams (Lynch kick)
 USC -- Singer 19-yard pass from C. Williams (Lynch kick)
 STAN -- Karty 38-yard field goal
 USC -- Rice 75-yard pass from C. Williams (Lynch kick)
 USC -- McRee 1-yard pass from C. Williams (Lynch kick)

Fourth Quarter

STAN -- Lamson 1-yard rush (Karty kick)
 USC -- Moss 15-yard rush (Lynch kick)

USC	STATISTICS	STAN
27	First Downs	20
180	Net Yards Rushing	209
393	Net Yards Passing	140
37	Passes Attempted	25
30	Passes Completed	10
0	Had Intercepted	1
65	Total Plays	66
573	Total Yards	349
2/42.2	Punts/Avg	7-47.9
0/0	Fumbles-Lost	5/2
8/85	Penalties/Yards	5-40
27:52	Time of Possession	32:08

TOP INDIVIDUALS

RUSHING – Lloyd (USC) 9-77, Filkins (STAN) 5-67, Smith (STAN) 5-50, Lamson (STAN) 16-36, Jones (USC) 6-33,

PASSING – C. Williams (USC) 19-21-281; Moss (USC) 11-15-112; Lamson (STAN) 8-18-121

RECEIVING – Washington (USC) 4-73; Robinson (USC) 4-71; Yurosek (STAN) 4-54; Humphreys (STAN) 2-42; Branch (USC) 4-30

GAME 4 – September 23, Mountain America Stadium
USC 56, Arizona State 10
Att: 54,166

ASU	7	6	8	7	--	28
USC	14	7	6	15	--	42

QB Caleb Williams went 20-of-31 for 322 yards and 3 TDs with no INTs and rushed for 10 yards and 2 TDs to lead USC to a 42-28 victory over Arizona State in Tempe, Ariz.

USC had 535 total yards of offense and has had over 500 total yards in all four games this season. USC now has 13 games of 500 or more total yards under Lincoln Riley (18 games).

The defending Heisman Trophy winner opened the game with a 1-yard TD. This was the second game in a row that Williams had scored on the first drive of the game.

On USC's next offensive series, the Trojans turned over the ball on the exchange between Williams and **RB MarShawn Lloyd** to give the Sun Devils a short field. ASU RB Cam Skattebo ran in a 15-yard TD to tie up the score at 7-7.

When the Trojan offense returned to the field, they couldn't seem to find a rhythm and suffered multiple penalties. When the situation seemed dire on 4th-and-7, Williams worked his magic and launched a 43-yard TD pass to **WR Brenden Rice** to score. This was Rice's 4th TD of the season.

ASU QB Drew Pyne was welcomed back to the field by a sack from USC **RUSH Romello Height**, who would play a phenomenal game after returning from an injury that ended his 2022 season. USC contained ASU to just a FG.

The Sun Devils onside kicked and Trojan **CB Christian Pierce** made the recovery to give USC a short field. Williams scored his second TD of the night, another 1-yard keeper. This was the fourth time Williams had scored multiple rushing TDs in a game in his career (2 vs. Fresno State and Colorado in 2022, and 3 versus Notre Dame in 2022).

ASU responded with another FG to end the half to make the score 21-13.

USC came out of half time and scored a FG on its first offensive series. **PK Denis Lynch** kicked a 53-yarder, which set his career-long, and also tied for third-longest FG in USC history with Andre Heidari at Stanford in 2014 and Steve Jordan at Washington State in 1984.

The Sun Devils responded with a 25-yard TD pass from Pyne to WR Elijah Badger.

USC's Lynch then kicked a 36-yard FG to extend USC's lead to 27-21.

USC returning First Team All-American **S Calen Bullock** picked off Pyne in a much-needed momentum play at the end of the third quarter.

In the fourth quarter, Rice scored his second TD of the night and USC was successful on a two-point conversion to give a the Trojans a 35-21 lead.

ASU scored once more, and USC wrapped up the game with a TD from **WR Tajh Washington** on his only reception of the game, making the final score 42-28.

SCORING

First Quarter

USC -- C. Williams 1-yard rush (Lynch kick)
 ASU -- Skattebo 15-yard rush (Longhetto kick)
 USC -- Rice 43-yard pass from C. Williams (Lynch kick)

Second Quarter

ASU -- Longhetto 35-yard field goal
 USC -- C. Williams 1-yard rush (Lynch kick)
 ASU -- Longhetto 30-yard field goal

Third Quarter

USC -- Lynch 53-yard field goal
 ASU -- Badger 25-yard pass from Pyne (Longhetto kick)
 USC -- Lynch 36-yard field goal

Fourth Quarter

USC -- Rice 43-yard pass from C. Williams (M. Williams pass from C. Williams)
 ASU -- Skattebo 52-yard pass from Pyne (Longhetto kick)
 USC -- Washington 45-yard pass from C. Williams (Lynch kick)

USC	STATISTICS	ASU
22	First Downs	21
213	Net Yards Rushing	90
322	Net Yards Passing	263
31	Passes Attempted	39
22	Passes Completed	23
0	Had Intercepted	1
60	Total Plays	71
535	Total Yards	353
2/45.0	Punts/Avg	3-38.3
2/1	Fumbles-Lost	2/21
10/85	Penalties/Yards	4-26
28:12	Time of Possession	31:48

TOP INDIVIDUALS

RUSHING – Lloyd (USC) 14-156, Skattebo (ASU) 20-113, Jones (USC) 3-36

PASSING – C. Williams (USC) 20-31-322; Pyne (ASU) 21-36-221

RECEIVING – Rice (USC) 7-133, Badger (ASU) 9-88, Conyers (ASU) 5-71, Branch (USC) 4-68



GAME 5 – September 30, Folsom Field
USC 48, Colorado 41
Att: 54,032

Colorado	0	14	13	14	--	41
USC	14	20	14	0	--	48

QB Caleb Williams went 30-of-40 for 403 yards and 6 TDs with 1 INT and rushed for 12 yards on 5 carries to lead USC to a 48-41 victory over Colorado in Boulder, Colo. USC improved to 17-0 all-time against the Buffs.

Williams' 6 TDs tied his single game career-high (also throwing 6 TDs against Texas Tech in 2021). He is the first FBS player in the last 25 years to throw for 6 passing TDs in a game for multiple schools.

USC scored on its first drive of the game today, a 6-play, 75-yard drive which ended as **RB MarShawn Lloyd** rushed 27-yards for a TD. USC has scored on its first drive in all 5 games this season.

Williams led USC to two more quick TDs, one to **WR Tahj Washington** and another to **WR Dorian Singer**, to extend USC's lead to 21-0.

CU finally got on the board in the second quarter as QB Shedeur Sanders found Jimmy Horn Jr. on a 30-yard TD reception.

On the Buffs' next offensive possession, USC **ILB Eric Gentry** blocked CU's punt and it was recovered by **RUSH Romello Height** to give the Trojans a short field. This was USC's first blocked punt since former WR Jake Russell blocked a punt versus UCLA in 2018. This set up Williams to find **WR Mario Williams** on a 24-yard TD pass.

Williams then tossed a 26-yard TD pass to **WR Brenden Rice**, a former Colorado player. This was his first of 2 TDs in the game.

Before the end of the first half, Sanders rushed 25 yards to score. USC led 34-14 going into halftime.

Early in the third, Williams tossed a short 6-yard pass to Rice to score his second TD of the game. This was Rice's 7th TD through 5 games.

Colorado responded with a TD of their own and then Williams hit **TE Jude Wolfe** for a 3-yard TD. After battling through multiple injuries throughout his career, this was his first TD of the season and the first of his career.

Before the end of the third quarter, the Buffs scored again, yet failed to make their 2-point conversion attempt, ending the third quarter with a score of 48-27.

The Trojan defense wasn't as dominant as in the first half, and Colorado scored twice more before the game ended to make the final score 48-41. The Trojans left Boulder with a win, improving to 5-0 on the season.

SCORING
First Quarter

USC -- Lloyd 27-yard rush (Lynch kick)

USC -- Washington 71-yard pass from C. Williams (Lynch kick)

Second Quarter

USC -- Singer 8-yard pass from C. Williams (Lynch kick)

CU -- Horn Jr. 30-yard pass from Sanders (Mata kick)

USC -- Mar. Williams 24-yard pass from C. Williams (Lynch kick)

USC -- Rice 26-yard pass from C. Williams (Lynch kick)

CU -- Sanders 25-yard rush (Mata kick)

Third Quarter

USC -- Rice 6-yard pass from C. Williams (Lynch kick)

CU -- Hankerson 2-yard rush (Mata kick)

USC -- Wolfe 3-yard pass from C. Williams (Lynch kick)

CU -- Harrison 21-yard pass from Sanders (failed 2-pt conversion)

Fourth Quarter

CU -- Miller 9-yard pass from Sanders (Mata kick)

CU -- Horn Jr. 16-yard pass from Sanders (Mata kick)

USC	STATISTICS	CU
26	First Downs	32
95	Net Yards Rushing	193
403	Net Yards Passing	371
40	Passes Attempted	45
30	Passes Completed	30
1	Had Intercepted	1
65	Total Plays	90
498	Total Yards	564
4/47.5	Punts/Avg	5-33.8
1/0	Fumbles-Lost	0/0
6/53	Penalties/Yards	7-60
27:55	Time of Possession	32:05

TOP INDIVIDUALS

RUSHING – Lloyd (USC) 13-84; Hankerson (CU) 16-74; Sanders (CU) 14-50; Edwards (CU) 12-54

PASSING – C. Williams (USC) 30-40-403; Sanders (CU) 30-45-371

RECEIVING – Miller (CU) 7-196; Washington (USC) 8-117; Horn Jr. (CU) 7-84; Rice (USC) 5-81; Mar. Williams (USC) 3-53; Hudson (USC) 3-40

GAME 6 – October 7, Los Angeles Coliseum
USC 43, Arizona 41
Att: 62,916

Arizona	10	3	8	7	7(OT1)	6(OT2)	0(OT3)	--	41
USC	0	14	7	7	7(OT1)	6(OT2)	2(OT3)	--	43

QB Caleb Williams went 14-of-25 for 205 yards and 1 TD. He also rushed for 41 yards and 3 TDs and the game-winning 2 point conversion in triple overtime. Williams' 3 rushing TDs tied his single-game career-high.

USC's comeback against Arizona was the biggest in the Lincoln Riley era at USC - the previous best being a comeback from 14 points down vs. UCLA last season. USC has scored at least 42 points in every game this season, the first time in school history that it has scored 40 or more points in each of its first 6 games of the season. The 43 points that USC scored were the most Arizona has allowed in a game this season (31 twice before). USC entered the game with a 53.6 scoring average, top in the country. USC currently still sits at No. 1 in the nation in scoring offense (51.8). Arizona was allowing its opponents to score 19.0 points per game in its first 5 games.

After starting the game down 17-0 to the Wildcats, **CB Jacobe Covington** had a critical interception of Arizona's QB Noah Fifita in the second quarter which allowed the Trojans to have a short field. This set up USC Williams to score his first rushing TD of the night and put the first points on the board for USC.

The Trojans closed out the first half with a 5-yard TD pass from Williams to **WR Kyrn Hudson** to make the score 14-17.

The Wildcats scored a field goal to begin the second half, and USC **RB MarShawn Lloyd** blasted through the middle of the field for a key score to finally push the Trojans ahead 21-20.

Williams found the end zone himself once more, and Arizona responded with a 3-yd TD pass from Fifita to Cowing.

USC **PK Denis Lynch** lined up for the 25-yard field goal attempt to win the game, and Arizona called timeout. After the break, the ball was snapped high, Lynch stubbed his foot in the turf and the ball was blocked.

The game went to overtime, and USC had the ball first. On third down, Williams rushed 18 yards for a TD, and Arizona responded with a quick 25-yard pass on first-and-10 to tie up the score.

In double overtime, Fifita passed to Cowing for a 7-yard TD, but failed on the 2-point conversion (NCAA rules require going for a 2-point conversion in double overtime). USC **RB Austin Jones** found the end score to score, but USC also failed on its 2-point conversion.

The two teams found themselves in triple overtime. As USC was on the field first, the Trojan offensive line shifted left and the receivers stayed put. Williams rolled right, stiff-armed a defender and extended his right arm across his body to get the ball inside the pylon to score on the 2-point conversion.

When the Wildcat offense returned to the field, the Trojan defense stuffed Arizona's two-point conversion attempt to win the game.

SCORING
First Quarter

UofA -- Loop 23-yard field goal

UofA -- Cowing 23-yard pass from Fifita (Loop kick)

Second Quarter

UofA -- McLachlan 18-yard pass from Fifita (Loop kick)

USC -- Williams 4-yard rush (Lynch kick)

USC -- Hudson 5-yard pass from C. Williams (Lynch kick)

Third Quarter

UofA -- Loop 22-yard field goal

USC -- Lloyd 9-yard rush (Lynch kick)

Fourth Quarter

USC -- C. Williams 1-yard rush (Lynch kick)

UofA -- Cowing 3-yard pass from Fifita (McMilian pass from Fifita)

Overtime 1

USC -- C. Williams 18-yard rush (Lynch kick)

UofA -- Cowing 25-yard pass from Fifita (Loop kick)

Overtime 2

UofA -- Cowing 8-yard pass from Fifita (Cowing pass from Fifita failed)

USC -- Jones 11-yard rush (Rice pass from C. Williams failed)

Overtime 3

USC -- C. Williams rush [2-point conversion]

USC	STATISTICS	UofA
23	First Downs	28
146	Net Yards Rushing	203
205	Net Yards Passing	303
25	Passes Attempted	35
14	Passes Completed	25
0	Had Intercepted	1
58	Total Plays	77
351	Total Yards	506
5-46.4	Punts/Avg	3-36.3
2-1	Fumbles-Lost	2-0
8/72	Penalties/Yards	12-99
24:21	Time of Possession	35:39

TOP INDIVIDUALS

RUSHING – Coleman (UofA) 22-143; Lloyd (USC) 15-86; Williams (UofA) 10-45; C. Williams (USC) 12-41

PASSING – Fifita (UofA) 25-35-303; C. Williams (USC) 14-25-205

RECEIVING – Cowing (UofA) 10-88; McMilian (UofA) 6-138; Rice (USC) 4-96; Washington (USC) 3-61



**GAME 7 – October 14, Notre Dame Stadium
USC 20, Notre Dame 48
Att: 77,622**

Notre Dame	7	17	7	17	--	48
USC	3	3	7	7	--	20

After going into South Bend undefeated, USC fell 20-48 to the Notre Dame Fighting Irish.

Defending Heisman Trophy winner **QB Caleb Williams** went 23-of-37 for 199 yards, 1 TD and 3 INTs. It was the first time in Williams' career that he had thrown 3 INTs.

USC didn't score a TD in the first half of play. This is the second time this has ever happened in the Lincoln Riley era, with the first occurring in a win at Oregon State on Sept. 24, 2022. USC totaled 302 yards of offense tonight. This is the fewest number of offensive yards put up by the Trojans in the last 2 seasons.

Averaging 51.8 points per game, USC ended up with five turnovers and was limited to 92 yards rushing. The Fighting Irish racked up 11 tackles for loss. With the exception of the kickoff return for a TD, Notre Dame only had one scoring drive of over 50 yards. Three of their six scoring drives were 12 yards or less.

After S Xavier Watts intercepted Williams on USC's first offensive series of the game, Notre Dame set the stage with a short field at the USC 12 and scored a TD.

USC uncharacteristically struggled to score, but put up 3 points off a field goal from **PK Denis Lynch** at the end of the first quarter.

The Irish scored a field goal to open the second quarter, and Williams was picked off for a second time by Watts. This set up Notre Dame to begin their drive on the USC 2-yard line and immediately scored.

One more TD from Notre Dame and a field goal from USC closed out the first half with a 6-24 score.

Hoping to be a flashback from the victory in 1974 during USC-ND game which had the same score at halftime, the Trojans came out of the locker room looking to put points on the board.

RB MarShawn Lloyd found the end zone for the first time of the evening to score, but Notre Dame responded with a TD of their own to make the score 13-31.

Williams found **WR Brenden Rice** on a quick 7-yard TD pass early in the fourth quarter, but Notre Dame's Jadarian Price returned the ensuing kickoff 99 yards for a score.

The Irish put the exclamation point on the night with another field score and a fumble recovery for a TD as the final score on the video board read 20-48.

USC is now 37-51-5 against the Fighting Irish (not including Troy's 2005 victory that was later vacated due to NCAA penalty; original record 38-51-5).

**SCORING
First Quarter**

ND -- Payne 4-yard pass from Hartman (Shrader kick)
USC -- Lynch 25-yard FG

Second Quarter

ND -- Shrader 25-yard FG
ND -- Estime 2-yard rush (Shrader kick)
ND -- Estime 1-yard rush (Shrader kick)
USC -- Lynch 48-yard FG

Third Quarter

USC -- Lloyd 31-yard rush (Lynch kick)
ND -- Tyree 46-yard pass from Hartman (Shrader kick)

Fourth Quarter

USC -- Rice 7-yard pass from C. Williams (Lynch kick)
ND -- Price 99-yard kickoff return (Shrader kick)
ND -- Shrader 23-yard FG
ND -- Watter 15-yard fumble return (Shrader kick)

USC	STATISTICS	ND
23	First Downs	13
103	Net Yards Rushing	125
199	Net Yards Passing	126
37	Passes Attempted	20
23	Passes Completed	13
3	Had Intercepted	0
74	Total Plays	49
302	Total Yards	251
3/50.0	Punts/Avg	5-45.8
3/2	Fumbles-Lost	0/0
9/75	Penalties/Yards	5-54
34:35	Time of Possession	25:25

TOP INDIVIDUALS

RUSHING – Estime (ND) 22-95; Lloyd (USC) 8-46; Jones (USC) 11-27; Branch (USC) 2-17; Faison (ND) 1-16

PASSING – C. Williams (USC) 23-37-199; Hartman (ND) 13-20-126

RECEIVING – Tyree (ND) 2-62; Jackson III (USC) 6-51; Washington (USC) 4-41; Mar. Williams (USC) 5-28

**GAME 8 – October 21, Los Angeles Coliseum
USC 32, Utah 34
Att: 77,622**

Utah	14	0	14	6	--	34
USC	14	0	3	15	--	32

In a heartbreaking loss, USC fell 32-34 to Utah at home in the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum.

Defending Heisman Trophy winner **QB Caleb Williams** went 24-of-34 for 256 yards and 0 TDs and 0 INTs. He also rushed for 27 yards on 10 carries with 1 TD. USC had its 11-game home winning streak snapped. USC's last home loss was a 35-31 loss vs. BYU on Nov. 27, 2021.

The 32 points USC scored were the most Utah has allowed in a game this season. The previous high surrendered by Utah was 21 in a 21-7 loss at Oregon State on Sept. 29. Utah entered the game allowing 12.2 points per game, second in the country.

USC scored 14 points on its first two drives of the first quarter. Utah had not allowed more than 7 points to its opponents in the first quarter of any game this season. The 14 points scored were also the most surrendered by Utah in any quarter this season, until USC scored 15 in the fourth quarter. USC also had 100 rushing yards in the first quarter, nearly 34 yards more than Utah has allowed per game this season (66.8), which was tops in the country entering today's action. USC finished with 145 rushing yards, the most the Utes have surrendered in a game this season (previous high was 131 at Oregon State on Sept. 29).

After Utah scored to open the game, USC **RB MarShawn Lloyd** responded by stutter-stepping left and turning on the jets to score a 45-yard TD.

Soon thereafter, Williams launched a 51-yard pass to **WR Tahj Washington** and the Coliseum crowd erupted with cheers. This set up Williams to fake a handoff up the middle and **WR Zachariah Branch** to rush around to the left and find an open end zone to push USC ahead 14-7.

Utah QB Bryson Barnes rushed up the middle to score and evened out the game.

In the second quarter, the Trojan defense had a big fourth-down stop on the USC 16-yard line. Barnes rushed up the middle and USC **DL Bear Alexander** stuffed him for a loss of 1-yard to force Utah to turnover the ball on the downs.

Utah scored twice more in the third quarter, and USC closed out quarter with a 44-yard field goal from **PK Denis Lynch**.

To open the fourth quarter, **S Calen Bullock** intercepted Barnes and ran it back 30-yards for a TD. This was the first Trojan pick-six of the season and Bullock's second INT.

USC and Utah exchanged field goals, and Branch lit up the Coliseum with a 61-yard punt return to the Utah 11-yard line. This set up Williams to find the end zone with his feet and push USC ahead 32-31.

After a tough targeting call on USC's Alexander, the Utes marched down the field and scored a 38-yard field goal in the last second of the game. The last time USC lost on the final play of the game was a 38-34 loss to Arizona State on Oct. 4, 2014 when ASU's Mike Bercovici threw a 46-yard Hail Mary pass to Jaalen Strong. The last time USC lost a game on a last-second field goal was a 37-35 loss at Stanford on Oct. 9, 2010 (a 30-yard FG by Nate Whitaker).

USC is now 13-10 all-time against Utah.

SCORING

First Quarter

Utah -- Vake 53-yard pass from Barnes (Becker kick)
USC -- Lloyd 45-yard rush (Lynch kick)
USC -- Branch 1-yard rush (Lynch kick)
Utah -- Barnes 10-yard rush (Becker kick)

Third Quarter

Utah -- King 6-yard pass from Barnes (Becker kick)
Utah -- Vake 15-yard pass from Barnes (Becker kick)
USC -- Lynch 44-yard FG

Fourth Quarter

USC -- Bullock 30-yard interception return (Robinson pass from C. Williams failed)
Utah -- Becker 33-yard FG
USC -- Lynch 36-yard FG
USC -- C. Williams 11-yard rush (Jackson III pass from C. Williams failed)
Utah -- Becker 38-yard FG

USC	STATISTICS	Utah
18	First Downs	23
145	Net Yards Rushing	247
256	Net Yards Passing	235
35	Passes Attempted	23
24	Passes Completed	14
0	Had Intercepted	1
58	Total Plays	70
401	Total Yards	482
4/45.2	Punts/Avg	4-45.2
3/1	Fumbles-Lost	1/0
6/47	Penalties/Yards	8-50
25:18	Time of Possession	34:42

TOP INDIVIDUALS

RUSHING – Jackson (UU) 26-117; Lloyd (USC) 7-86; Vaki (UU) 9-68; Barnes (UU) 10-57; Jones (USC) 5-31

PASSING – C. Williams (USC) 24-34-256; Barnes (UU) 14-23-235

RECEIVING – Vaki (UU) 5-149; Washington (USC) 5-112; Vele (UU) 3-37; Singer (USC) 4-35; Rice (USC) 5-34; Parks (UU) 3-34



GAME 9 – October 28, California Memorial Stadium
USC 50, California 49
Att: 43,716

California	14	14	8	13	--	49
USC	17	0	12	21	--	50

QB Caleb Williams went 23-of-40 for 369 yards and 2 TDs and rushed for 2 more in USC's thrilling 50-49 victory over California at Berkeley.

USC's 50 points were the most points the Trojans had scored against Cal since 2013 when they scored 62. Cal's 49 points were the most points the Bears had scored versus USC since 1991 when they scored 52 points. This also ties USC's opponent record for highest losing score, which was also 49 by Penn State in the 2017 Rose Bowl.

After an on-field protest by Berkeley students delayed the start of the game, USC struck first scoring a 23-yard field goal once play began.

On Cal's next offensive series, the Bears fumbled and it was recovered by **USC RUSH Solomon Byrd** at the Cal 42-yard line for a short field. This set up **RB MarShawn Lloyd** to rush up the middle 2 yards to score, improving USC's lead to 10-0.

Cal responded as RB Jaydn Ott broke through the USC defense to rush 43 yards to score.

USC got the ball back and Williams threaded a 56-yard dime to **WR Tahj Washington** to ignite a spark for the Trojan offense. Williams then completed a short 6-yard pass to RB Austin Jones who found the end zone to score.

Ott scored back-to-back touchdowns to push the Bears ahead 17-21. WR Trond Grizzell scored a 17-yard TD before the half ended.

In a strange turn of events after a discussion at halftime, it was determined that there was 1 second left on the clock that still needed to be played. USC was granted 1 play prior to the beginning of the second half where the ball was at the 16-yard line. The USC field goal unit game on the field to kick, but missed the 33-yarder.

After officially starting the third quarter, Cal turned the ball over on downs at the Cal 45-yard line after a clutch fourth-down stop by **ILB Eric Gentry**. Williams then ran the ball in himself to score, but USC failed on its 2-point conversion. USC trailed 23-28.

Gentry continued to make plays for the Trojans as he completely extended his 6'6 frame and intercepted Cal QB Francisco Mendoza. This turnover set up USC QB Caleb Williams to toss a 22-yard TD pass to **WR Brenden Rice** to push USC ahead 29-28 (USC missed the PAT).

Cal scored twice more to extend its lead to 43-29.

In the fourth quarter as USC trailed 29-43, USC began its first offense series of the quarter on the USC 25-yard line after **WR Zachariah Branch** fair caught the ball. Lloyd then caught a 16-yard pass from Williams and in the following play, caught another short pass from Williams, turned on the burners and blasted 53 yards down the field to the Cal 6-yard line. This play set up Williams' rushing TD to make it a one-score game at 36-43.

After a forced fumble and recovery by USC **ILB Tackett Curtis** to create a short field for the Trojans, Lloyd scored a 9-yard rushing TD to tie up the game at 43-43.

The wild game continued as Gentry forced a fumble recovered by **RUSH Jamil Muhammad**. Immediately after, Williams fumbled and it was recovered by Cal. On the Bears' offensive series, they turned the ball over on downs on the USC 37. On the next play, Lloyd rushed for 56 yards and set up **RB Austin Jones** to walk into the end zone on the next play to put USC ahead 50-43.

Cal responded by scoring a touchdown of its own making the score 50-49, but failed on the 2-point conversion for the game.

USC is now 72-32-5 all-time against California.

SCORING
First Quarter

USC -- Lynch 23-yard FG

USC -- Lloyd 2-yard rush (Lynch kick)

Cal -- Ott 43-yard rush (Bhaghani kick)

USC -- Jones 6-yard pass from C. Williams (Lynch kick)

Cal -- Ott 4-yard rush (Bhaghani kick)

Second Quarter

Cal -- Ott 4-yard rush (Bhaghani kick)

Cal -- Grizzell 17-yard pass from Mendoza (Bhaghani kick)

Third Quarter

USC -- C. Williams 6-yard rush (Singer pass from C. Williams failed)

USC -- Rice 22-yard pass from C. Williams (Lynch missed kick)

Cal -- Mendoza 2-yard rush (Grizzell pass from Mendoza)

Fourth Quarter

Cal -- Mendoza 1-yard rush (Bhaghani kick)

USC -- C. Williams 1-yard rush (Lynch kick)

USC -- Lloyd 9-yard rush (Lynch kick)

USC -- Jones 7-yard rush (Lynch kick)

Cal -- Thomas 13-yard pass from Mendoza (Hightower pass from Mendoza failed)

USC	STATISTICS	Cal
20	First Downs	29
128	Net Yards Rushing	235
369	Net Yards Passing	292
40	Passes Attempted	39
23	Passes Completed	25
0	Had Intercepted	1
80	Total Plays	81
497	Total Yards	527
7/42.0	Punts/Avg	5-46.0
3/1	Fumbles-Lost	3/3
11/101	Penalties/Yards	5-45
32:36	Time of Possession	27:24

TOP INDIVIDUALS

RUSHING – Ott (Cal) 21-153; Lloyd (USC) 17-116; Mendoza (Cal) 8-48; Jones (USC) 9-37

PASSING – C. Williams (USC) 23-40-369; Mendoza (Cal) 25-39-292

RECEIVING – Washington (USC) 5-102; Hunter (Cal) 8-96; McRee (USC) 4-71; Lloyd (USC) 3-72; Endries (Cal) 7-64

GAME 10 – November 4, Los Angeles Coliseum
USC 42, Washington 52
Att: 72,243

Washington	7	28	7	10	--	52
USC	14	14	14	0	--	42

No. 24 USC fell 42-52 to No. 5 Washington in the Coliseum.

The defending Heisman Trophy winner **QB Caleb Williams** went 27-of-35 for 312 yards and 3 TDs and rushed for 1 more TD.

USC's 42 points were the most Washington allowed in a game this season (previous high 33 twice – Oregon and Stanford). There were 10 combined scoring drives of 75 yards or more throughout the game.

The 35 first-half points by Washington were the most points the Huskies have ever scored in a game against the Trojans. The combined 63 points in the first half were the most in a Pac-12 game in five seasons. The 4 TDs by Washington in the second quarter tied a USC opponent record for most TDs in one quarter (7th time, last by Oregon in 2019). USC's 14 first-quarter points were the most allowed by Washington in the first quarter this season. Washington had allowed a total of 23 points in the first quarter this season from all opponents combined (previous high of 8 by Oregon).

The Trojans scored first after USC's **WR Raleek Brown** rushed for a TD. Washington responded with a score of their own to tie up the game at 7-7.

This back-and-forth scoring was repeated all throughout the first half until Polk scored with 20 second left on the clock to push Washington ahead 35-28 going into halftime.

CB Christian Roland-Wallace intercepted Penix's tipped pass in the end zone on Washington's opening drive out of halftime, and Williams led an 80-yard scoring drive capped by Rice's 25-yard TD catch on fourth and 1.

Penix responded with a score for the Huskies, but USC tied up the game again at 42-42 with a 20-yard passing TD from Williams to **WR Mario Williams**.

In the fourth quarter, Washington scored a field goal and on USC's next offensive series, the Trojans suffered a big holding penalty which forced them to punt. Washington then drove 91 yards down the field to score the final TD of the game.

USC is now 51*-31-4 all-time versus Washington (one win vacated due to NCAA penalty, original record 52-31-4).

SCORING

First Quarter

USC -- Brown 2-yard rush (Lynch kick)

UW -- J ohnso n2-yard rush (Gross kick)

USC -- C. Williams 1-yard rush (Lynch Kick)

Second Quarter

UW -- Culp 22-yard pass from Penixz (Gross kick)

USC -- Barlow 1-yard rush (Lynch kick)

UW -- Johnson 52-yard rush (Gross kick)

USC -- Washington 41-yard pass from C. Williams (Lynch kick)

UW -- Polk 4-yard pass from Penix (Gross kick)

UW -- Johnson 1-yard rush (Gross kick)

Third Quarter

USC -- Rice 25-yard pass from C. Williams (Lynch kick)

UW -- Penix 1-yard rush (Gross kick)

USC -- Mar. Williams 20-yard pass from C. Williams (Lynch kick)

Fourth Quarter

UW --Gross 43-yard FG

UW -- Johnson 1-yard rush (Gross kick)

USC	STATISTICS	UW
24	First Downs	27
233	Net Yards Rushing	316
312	Net Yards Passing	256
36	Passes Attempted	30
27	Passes Completed	22
0	Had Intercepted	1
63	Total Plays	72
515	Total Yards	572
2/33.5	Punts/Avg	1-0.0
2/1	Fumbles-Lost	0/0
6/65	Penalties/Yards	6-52
25:20	Time of Possession	34:40

TOP INDIVIDUALS

RUSHING – Johnson (UW) 26-263; Jones (USC) 11-127; Barlow (USC) 2-44

PASSING – C. Williams (USC) 27-35-312; Penix (UW) 22-30-256

RECEIVING – Washington (USC) 8-122; Odunze (UW) 5-82; Polk (UW) 5-52; Mar. Williams (USC) 4-42; McRee (USC) 4-22

GAME 11 – November 11, Autzen Stadium
USC 27, Oregon 36
Att: 59,957

Oregon	13	9	7	7	--	36
USC	7	7	0	13	--	27

USC fell 27-36 to No. 6 Oregon in Autzen Stadium.

The defending Heisman Trophy winner **QB Caleb Williams** went 19-of-34 for 291 yards and 1 TD and rushed for 1 more TD.

It was USC's first game without former defensive coordinator Alex Grinch and Shaun Nua and Brian Odom were acting as interim co-defensive coordinators.

Oregon scored on its first series of the game as Duck QB Bo Nix found Tex Johnson on a 77-yard TD reception.

USC answered with a 5-yard rushing TD from **RB MarShawn Lloyd**, but the Ducks scored on another explosive play from Nix to WR Troy Franklin for an 83-yard TD reception. Oregon's two-point conversion attempt failed.

The Ducks scored for a third time on a 15-yard pass from Nix to Terrance Ferguson, but their two-point conversion attempt failed for a second time leaving the score 7-19.

The Ducks kicked a 33-yard field goal, but then Williams scored on a 2-yard quarterback keeper to make the score 14-22 at halftime.

Oregon scored first in the third quarter on a 21-yard TD reception from Johnson, and RB Bucky Irving rushed 19-yard for another TD in the fourth.

Williams threw a 9-yard TD to **WR Brenden Rice** in the fourth quarter to close the gap to 36-21.

RB Austin Jones scored on a 13-yard scamper late in the fourth quarter to get the Trojans within 36-27 with 3:44 left, but the two-point conversion failed and USC couldn't get closer.

USC is now 38-23-2 in its series with Oregon, (not including 1 win vacated due to NCAA penalty; original record: 39-23-2).

SCORING
First Quarter

UO -- Johnson 77-yard pass from Nix (Lewis kick)

USC -- Lloyd 5-yard rush (Lynch kick)

UO -- Franklin 85-yard pass from Nix (Basso pass from Thomas failed)

Second Quarter

UO -- Ferguson 15-yard pass from Nix (Ferguson pass from Nix failed)

UO -- Lewis 33-yard FG

USC -- C. Williams 2-yard rush (Lynch kick)

Third Quarter

UO -- Johnson 21-yard pass from Nix (Lewis kick)

Fourth Quarter

UO -- Irving 19-yard rush (Lewis kick)

USC -- Rice 9-yard pass from C. Williams (Lynch kick)

USC -- Jones 13-yard rush (Rice pass from C. Williams failed)

USC	STATISTICS	Oregon
22	First Downs	26
73	Net Yards Rushing	140
306	Net Yards Passing	412
20	Passes Attempted	23
35	Passes Completed	32
0	Had Intercepted	0
60	Total Plays	63
379	Total Yards	552
4/40.5	Punts/Avg	1-41.0
2/1	Fumbles-Lost	2/0
6/45	Penalties/Yards	13-120
29:18	Time of Possession	30:42

TOP INDIVIDUALS

RUSHING – Irving (UO) 19-118; Lloyd (USC) 9-37; Jones (USC) 7-26; James (UO) 7-25

PASSING – Nix (UO) 23-31-412; C. Williams (USC) 19-34-291

RECEIVING – Franklin (UO) 2-147; Johnson (UO) 7-126; Rice (USC) 5-81; Washington (USC) 4-82; Ferguson (UO) 6-60

GAME 12 – November 18, Los Angeles Coliseum
UCLA 38, USC 20
Att: 72,244

UCLA	14	0	17	7	--	38
USC	0	10	3	7	--	20

USC fell 20-28 to UCLA in the Coliseum to conclude the 2023 regular season. The Trojans finished 7-5 overall and 5-4 in Pac-12 Conference play.

Head coach **Lincoln Riley** lost 3 straight games for the first time in his 7 years as a head coach at Oklahoma and USC. **QB Caleb Williams** and Riley played 14 games in the Coliseum over 2 season winning their first 11 games together at the Coliseum before losing the last 3.

UCLA hadn't won back-to-back games at USC's 101-year-old stadium since 1997, but the Bruins never trailed in this matchup after defeating the Trojans 62-33 two years ago in 2021.

RB T.J. Harden rushed for a career-high 142 yards and scored 2 TDs and QB Ethan Garbers threw 3 TD passes.

The Bruins went up early scoring back-to-back TDs in the first quarter to leave the Trojans trailing 0-14.

Early in the second quarter **WR Brenden Rice** put the first points on the board for USC as he scored a TD on a 74-yard pass from Williams.

Before going into halftime, Lynch nailed a 34-yard FG to close the point gap to 10-14.

In the third, Harden caught a 7-yard pass from Garbers to score.

In USC's first offensive possession of the half, USC **RB MarShawn Lloyd** fumbled the ball which was recovered by UCLA DB Alex Johnson for an 11-yard scoop-and-score to push UCLA ahead to 28-10.

USC's Lynch put up 3 points for the Trojans on another 34-yard field goal, but the Bruins responded with a field goal of their own.

Bruin TE Hudson Habermehl scored on a 15-yard TD pass from Garbers to give UCLA a 38-13 advantage.

USC **RB Austin Jones** rushed for a 7-yard TD at the end of the game, but it wasn't enough to top the Bruins.

SCORING
First Quarter

UCLA -- Harden 1-yard rush (Glessner kick)

UCLA -- Habermehl 14-yard pass from Garbers (Glessner kick)

Second Quarter

USC -- Rice 74-yard pass from Williams (Lynch kick)

USC -- Lynch 34-yard field goal

Third Quarter

UCLA -- Harden 7-yard rush from Garbers (Glessner kick)

UCLA -- Johnson 11-yard fumble return (Glessner kick)

USC -- Lynch 34-yard field goal

UCLA -- Glessner 35-yard field goal

Fourth Quarter

UCLA -- Habermehl 15-yard pass from Garbers (Glessner kick)

USC -- Jones 7-yard rush (Lynch kick)

USC	STATISTICS	UCLA
17	First Downs	19
3	Net Yards Rushing	199
384	Net Yards Passing	155
44	Passes Attempted	31
31	Passes Completed	18
1	Had Intercepted	0
66	Total Plays	76
387	Total Yards	354
2/44.0	Punts/Avg	4-38.5
3/2	Fumbles-Lost	1/0
6/52	Penalties/Yards	6-50
27:26	Time of Possession	32:34

TOP INDIVIDUALS

RUSHING – Harden (UCLA) 22-142; Steele (UCLA) 12-49; Lloyd (USC) 8-17; Garbers (UCLA) 7-7; Jones (USC) 6-6

PASSING – C. Williams (USC) 31-42-384; Garbers (UCLA) 18-31-155

RECEIVING – Rice (USC) 8-147; Loya (UCLA) 9-60; Branch (USC) 5-51; Washington (USC) 5-48; Robinson (USC) 4-32; Habermehl (UCLA) 2-29



GAME 13 – December 27, Petco Park
USC 42, Louisville 28
Att: 35,317

Louisville	7	7	7	7	--	28
USC	7	21	7	7	--	42

In the modern era of college football where instantaneous gratification is demanded and where patience is not often a virtue, USC **QB Miller Moss** changed the narrative. After backing up **QB Caleb Williams**, the 2022 Heisman Trophy winner for two seasons who chose to opt out of the bowl game, Moss went 23-of-33 for 372 yards and 6 TDs in his first USC start to lead the Trojans to a 42-28 victory over No. 15 Louisville in the 2023 Holiday Bowl.

Moss, who was named the Holiday Bowl Offensive MVP, gave the nation a preview of what was to come in the 2024 season and proved that values like hard work and loyalty are not to be overlooked. With his 6 TD passes thrown, Moss now holds the record for most TD passes thrown in a Holiday Bowl, most TD passes thrown in a USC bowl game, most TD passes thrown by a USC QB is his first Trojan start and tied the Pac-12 Bowl Game passing TD record.

After punting the ball away on USC's first possession of the game, Louisville immediately drove down the field to put the first points on the board. The Trojans then missed a 38-yard field goal attempt and turned the ball over to the Cardinals.

USC responded with an immediate strip sack by **S Max Williams** and fumble recovery by **RUSH Solomon Byrd**. Moss then tossed a beautiful ball to **WR Tahj Washington** who caught it outside his frame, juked back and shimmied into the end zone to tie the game at 7-7. This catch gave Washington his first-ever 1,000 yard season.

Early in the second quarter, Moss once again found Washington for a 29-yard TD.

The momentum continued to flow in favor of the Trojans. On the Cardinals' next possession, Louisville was forced to punt and **WR Kyron Hudson** blocked the attempt. When the Trojans offense came back on the field, Hudson continued to make big plays and scored a 9-yard TD from Moss to push USC ahead 21-7.

Louisville closed the point gap as Cardinal RB Evan Conley rushed 9-yards for a TD.

Closing out the first half, Moss found **WR Ja'Kobi Lane** for a 31-yard TD to increase USC's lead to 28-14.

Coming out of halftime, Moss was intercepted by Louisville DB Quincy Riley who returned the ball 61 yards to set up the Cardinals to quickly score.

USC responded with another TD as Moss threw a 12-yard pass to Lane who had to leap over two defenders to catch the ball.

The Cardinals opened the fourth quarter with a TD, but the Trojans retaliated as Moss tossed a deep pass to **WR Duce Robinson** for a 44-yard TD to lock in the final score of 42-28.

SCORING

First Quarter

UL -- Guerendo 2-yard rush (Lopez kick)

USC -- Washington 17-yard pass from Moss (Lynch kick)

Second Quarter

USC -- Washington 29-yard pass from Moss (Lynch kick)

USC -- Hudson 9-yard pass from Moss (Lynch kick)

UL -- Conley 9-yard rush (Lopez kick)

USC -- Lane 31-yard pass from Moss (Lynch kick)

Third Quarter

UL -- Guerendo 1-yard rush (Lopez kick)

USC -- Lane 12-yard pass from Moss (Lynch kick)

Fourth Quarter

UL -- Guerendo 2-yard rush (Lopez kick)

USC -- Robinson 44-yard pass from Moss (Lynch kick)

USC	STATISTICS	Louisville
19	First Downs	22
71	Net Yards Rushing	220
372	Net Yards Passing	141
33	Passes Attempted	25
23	Passes Completed	21
1	Had Intercepted	0
52	Total Plays	70
443	Total Yards	361
2/36.5	Punts/Avg	3-24.7
0/0	Fumbles-Lost	2/2
3/32	Penalties/Yards	4-44
23:26	Time of Possession	36:34

TOP INDIVIDUALS

RUSHING – Guerebdo (UL) 23-161; Jones (USC) 11-60; Turner (UL) 11-33; Moss (USC) 2-13; Conley (UL) 2-13

PASSING – Moss (USC) 23-33-372; Plummer (UL) 21-25-141

RECEIVING – Washington (USC) 7-99; Lemon (USC) 2-75; Lane (USC) 3-60; Robinson (USC) 1-44; Guerendo (UL) 5-42; Tabaracci (USC) 1-32; Coleman Jr. (UL) 3-26





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Team Results

	Date	Opponent		Score	Att.
	08/26/2023	San Jose St.	W	56-28	63411
	09/02/2023	Nevada	W	66-14	62916
*	09/09/2023	Stanford	W	56-10	67213
*	09/23/2023	at Arizona St.	W	42-28	54166
*	09/30/2023	at Colorado	W	48-41	54032
*	10/07/2023	Arizona	Wot3	43-41	62916
	10/14/2023	at Notre Dame	L	20-48	77622
*	10/21/2023	Utah	L	32-34	61551
*	10/28/2023	at California	W	50-49	43716
*	11/04/2023	Washington	L	42-52	72243
*	11/11/2023	at Oregon	L	27-36	59957
*	11/18/2023	UCLA	L	20-38	72244
	12/27/2023	vs Louisville	W	42-28	35317

Rushing

Player	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
MarShawn Lloyd	11	116	845	25	820	7.1	9	56	74.5
Austin Jones	13	85	490	13	477	5.6	7	37	36.7
Caleb Williams	12	97	410	268	142	1.5	11	46	11.8
Quinten Joyner	6	18	133	8	125	6.9	1	47	20.8
Darwin Barlow	8	8	86	5	81	10.1	1	43	10.1
Zachariah Branch	11	9	70	0	70	7.8	1	21	6.4
Miller Moss	5	4	32	0	32	8.0	2	15	6.4
Raleek Brown	2	3	16	0	16	5.3	1	14	8.0
A'Marion Peterson	2	2	14	0	14	7.0	0	9	7.0
Tahj Washington	13	1	10	0	10	10.0	0	10	0.8
Matt Colombo	4	1	7	0	7	7.0	0	7	1.8
Jake Jensen	1	1	1	0	1	1.0	0	1	1.0
Team	13	15	0	45	-45	-3.0	0	0	-3.5
Total	13	362	2118	368	1750	4.8	33	56	134.6
Opponents	13	506	2786	362	2424	4.8	25	61	186.5

Passing

Player	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
Caleb Williams	12	170.1	266-388-5	68.6	3633	30	76	302.8
Miller Moss	5	191.2	46-65-1	70.8	681	7	71	136.2
Malachi Nelson	1	33.3	1-3-0	33.3	0	0	0	0.0
Mario Williams	12	226.0	1-1-0	100.0	15	0	15	1.3
Team	13	0.0	0-4-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
Total	13	170.9	314-461-6	68.1	4329	37	76	333.0
Opponents	13	149.7	267-417-7	64.0	3203	31	84	246.4

Receiving

Player	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Tahj Washington	13	59	1062	18.0	8	76	81.7
Brenden Rice	12	45	791	17.6	12	75	65.9
Zachariah Branch	11	31	320	10.3	2	36	29.1
Mario Williams	12	29	305	10.5	2	29	25.4
Lake McRee	12	26	262	10.1	1	31	21.8
Dorian Singer	13	24	289	12.0	3	44	22.2
Kyron Hudson	13	17	189	11.1	2	33	14.5
Michael Jackson III	9	17	146	8.6	1	16	16.2
Duce Robinson	11	16	351	21.9	2	71	31.9
MarShawn Lloyd	11	13	232	17.8	0	54	21.1
Austin Jones	13	13	103	7.9	1	24	7.9
Ja'Kobi Lane	6	7	93	13.3	2	31	15.5
Makai Lemon	9	6	88	14.7	0	40	9.8
Raleek Brown	2	3	18	6.0	0	14	9.0
Jude Wolfe	12	2	5	2.5	1	3	0.4
Josiah Zamora	2	2	11	5.5	0	6	5.5
Darwin Barlow	8	1	10	10.0	0	10	1.3
Caleb Williams	12	1	15	15.0	0	15	1.3
Carson Tabaracci	12	1	32	32.0	0	32	2.7
Quinten Joyner	6	1	7	7.0	0	7	1.2
Total	13	314	4329	13.8	37	76	333.0
Opponents	13	267	3203	12.0	31	84	246.4

Game Records

Record	Overall	Home	Away	Neutral
ALL GAMES	8-5	4-3	3-2	1-0
CONFERENCE	5-4	2-3	3-1	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	3-1	2-0	0-1	1-0

Team Statistics

	USC	OPP
First Downs	294	295
Rushing	88	127
Passing	183	134
Penalty	23	34
Rushing Yardage	1750	2424
Rushing attempts	362	506
Average per rush	4.8	4.8
Average per game	134.6	186.5
TDs Rushing	33	25
Passing Yardage	4329	3203
Comp-Att-Int	314-461-6	267-417-7
Average per pass	9.4	7.7
Average per catch	13.8	12.0
Average per game	333.0	246.4
TDs Passing	37	31
Total offense	6079	5627
Average per play	7.4	6.1
Average per game	467.6	432.8
Kick returns: #-Yards	30-546	42-925
Punt returns: #-Yards	21-357	6-30
Int returns: #-Yards	7-127	6-122
Fumbles-Lost	26-11	22-9
Penalties-Yards	98-889	82-710
Punts-Avg	44-43.3	52-40.6
Time of possession / game	27:40	32:20
3rd-down conversion	62/143	79/181
4rd-down conversion	11/18	17/28
PAT-attempts	(66-68) 97%	(51-51) 100%
2-point conversion-attempts	(2-7) 29%	(3-9) 33%

Interceptions

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Christian Roland-Wallace	2	23	11.5	0	23
Calen Bullock	2	41	20.5	1	30
Max Williams	1	39	39.0	0	39
Jacobe Covington	1	24	24.0	0	24
Eric Gentry	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total	7	127	18.1	1	39
Opponents	6	122	20.3	0	61



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Field Goals

Player	fg	pct.	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	lg	blk
Denis Lynch	10-14	71.4	0-0	2-3	5-8	2-2	1-1	53	0
Opponents	12-18	66.7	0-0	3-3	8-9	1-3	0-3	43	0

Scoring

Player	td	fg	PAT					dxp	saf	pts
			kick	rush	rcv	pass				
Denis Lynch	-	10-14	65-66	-	-	-	-	-	-	95
Brenden Rice	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	72
Caleb Williams	11	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	68
MarShawn Lloyd	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	54
Austin Jones	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48
Tahj Washington	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48
Zachariah Branch	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30
Dorian Singer	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
Mario Williams	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	14
Miller Moss	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Kyron Hudson	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Ja'Kobi Lane	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Duce Robinson	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Stanley Ta'ufo'ou	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Jude Wolfe	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Darwin Barlow	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Calen Bullock	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Lake McRee	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Michael Jackson III	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Raleek Brown	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Quinten Joyner	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Tyler Robles	-	-	1-1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Total	74	10-15	66-68	1	1	1	0	0	0	544
Opponents	59	12-18	51-51	1	2	2	0	0	0	447

Score by Periods

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	TOT
Southern California	139	152	101	137	15	544
Opponents	100	119	98	117	13	447

Punting

Player	no.	yds	avg	lg	tb	fc	i20	50+	blk
Eddie Czaplicki	44	1906	43.3	57	4	26	15	7	0
Total	44	1906	43.3	57	4	26	15	7	0
Opponents	52	2109	40.6	59	4	7	14	11	3

Punt Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Zachariah Branch	16	332	20.8	1	75
Michael Jackson III	5	25	5.0	0	9
Total	21	357	17.0	1	75
Opponents	6	30	5.0	0	13

Kick Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Zachariah Branch	24	442	18.4	1	96
Makai Lemon	5	94	18.8	0	26
Roman Marchetti	1	10	10.0	0	10
Total	30	546	18.2	1	96
Opponents	42	925	22.0	1	99

All Purpose

Player	g	rush	rcv	pr	kr	ir	total	avg/g
Zachariah Branch	11	70	320	332	442	0	1164	105.8
Tahj Washington	13	10	1062	0	0	0	1072	82.5
MarShawn Lloyd	11	820	232	0	0	0	1052	95.6
Brenden Rice	12	0	791	0	0	0	791	65.9
Austin Jones	13	477	103	0	0	0	580	44.6
Duce Robinson	11	0	351	0	0	0	351	31.9
Mario Williams	12	0	305	0	0	0	305	25.4
Dorian Singer	13	0	289	0	0	0	289	22.2
Lake McRee	12	0	262	0	0	0	262	21.8
Kyron Hudson	13	0	189	0	0	0	189	14.5
Makai Lemon	9	0	88	0	94	0	182	20.2
Michael Jackson III	9	0	146	25	0	0	171	19.0
Caleb Williams	12	142	15	0	0	0	157	13.1
Quinten Joyner	6	125	7	0	0	0	132	22.0
Ja'Kobi Lane	6	0	93	0	0	0	93	15.5
Darwin Barlow	8	81	10	0	0	0	91	11.4
Calen Bullock	12	0	0	0	0	41	41	3.4
Max Williams	10	0	0	0	0	39	39	3.9
Raleek Brown	2	16	18	0	0	0	34	17.0
Miller Moss	5	32	0	0	0	0	32	6.4
Carson Tabaracci	12	0	32	0	0	0	32	2.7
Jacobe Covington	6	0	0	0	0	24	24	4.0
Christian Roland-Wallace	12	0	0	0	0	23	23	1.9
A'Marion Peterson	2	14	0	0	0	0	14	7.0
Josiah Zamora	2	0	11	0	0	0	11	5.5
Roman Marchetti	3	0	0	0	10	0	10	3.3
Matt Colombo	4	7	0	0	0	0	7	1.8
Jude Wolfe	12	0	5	0	0	0	5	0.4
Jake Jensen	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1.0
Total	13	1750	4329	357	546	127	7109	546.8
Opponents	13	2424	3203	30	925	122	6704	515.7

Total Offense

Player	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g
Caleb Williams	12	485	142	3633	3775	314.6
MarShawn Lloyd	11	116	820	0	820	74.5
Miller Moss	5	69	32	681	713	142.6
Austin Jones	13	85	477	0	477	36.7
Quinten Joyner	6	18	125	0	125	20.8
Darwin Barlow	8	8	81	0	81	10.1
Zachariah Branch	11	9	70	0	70	6.4
Raleek Brown	2	3	16	0	16	8.0
Mario Williams	12	3	0	15	15	1.3
A'Marion Peterson	2	2	14	0	14	7.0
Tahj Washington	13	1	10	0	10	0.8
Matt Colombo	4	1	7	0	7	1.8
Jake Jensen	1	1	1	0	1	1.0
Total	13	823	1750	4329	6079	467.6
Opponents	13	923	2424	3203	5627	432.8



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Team Defense

##	Player	gp	Tackles				Sacks		Pass defense			Fumbles		blkd	
			ua	a	tot	tfl/yds	no-yds		int-yds	brup	qbh	fr-yds	ff	kick	saf
13	Mason Cobb	11	49	36	85	7-19	.	.	.	1	.	1-3	.	.	.
19	Jaylin Smith	12	58	17	75	5.5-25	1-7	.	.	1	1	.	1	.	.
7	Calen Bullock	12	42	21	63	.	.	.	2-41	7	.	.	.	.	.
27	Bryson Shaw	13	41	16	57	2.5-7	0.5-3	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
51	Solomon Byrd	13	30	19	49	11-51	6-36	.	.	1	2	2-0	4	.	.
90	Bear Alexander	13	28	20	48	6.5-31	1.5-19	.	.	4	3	.	.	.	.
10	Jamil Muhammad	13	29	17	46	10.5-47	6.5-41	.	.	1	4	1-0	2	.	.
18	Eric Gentry	12	26	20	46	4-16	1-7	1-0	5	.	.	.	1	1	.
25	Tackett Curtis	12	24	16	40	4-13	2-11	.	.	1	1	2-2	1	.	.
17	Christian Roland-Wallace	12	27	10	37	2.5-10	.	2-23	9	.	.	.	.	.	.
1	Domani Jackson	11	26	7	33	.	.	.	.	3	.	.	.	.	.
53	Shane Lee	11	11	17	28	2-14	1-13	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
4	Max Williams	10	20	7	27	3-12	1-2	1-39	2	.	.	.	1	.	.
8	Zion Branch	9	15	7	22	1-12	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.
2	Romello Height	12	11	9	20	6-35	4-31	.	.	.	1	1-0	.	.	.
92	Kyon Barrs	13	7	11	18	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
15	Anthony Beavers Jr.	12	12	6	18	.	.	.	.	.	.	1-0	1	.	.
9	Raesjon Davis	10	10	8	18	0.5-0	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
34	Braylan Shelby	12	16	2	18	4-25	2-13	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.
79	De'jon Benton	9	8	4	12	5-20	1.5-12	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
14	Jacobe Covington	6	8	4	12	1-2	.	1-24	1	.	.	.	.	.	.
31	Tyrone Taleni	10	5	6	11	0.5-5	0.5-5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
22	Ceyair Wright	7	8	3	11	1-1	.	.	.	3	.	.	.	.	.
6	Anthony Lucas	13	7	3	10	3.5-8	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
47	Stanley Ta'ufo'ou	13	7	2	9	0.5-1	.	.	.	.	1	1-0	.	.	.
30	Chris Thompson Jr.	13	4	5	9	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
23	Tre'Quon Fegans	6	5	4	9	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
99	Jack Sullivan	13	7	1	8	2-12	1-6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
16	Prophet Brown	9	6	2	8	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
24	Christian Pierce	9	5	2	7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
56	Elijah Hughes	8	3	3	6	1.5-4	0.5-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
94	Kobe Pepe	4	.	4	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
84	Carson Tabaracci	12	4	.	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
16	Tahj Washington	13	2	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
46	Denis Lynch	13	3	.	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
42	Deuce Palmer	4	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
0	MarShawn Lloyd	11	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
39	Jac Casasante	13	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
78	Andrew Milek	11	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
6	Austin Jones	13	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
52	Jarrett Kingston	12	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
0	Korey Foreman	3	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
10	Kyron Hudson	13	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.
37	Devan Thompkins	2	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1	Zachariah Branch	11	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
44	Sam Greene	3	.	1	1
24	Makai Lemon	9	1	.	1
Totals		13	573	314	887	85-370	30-208	7-127	41	15	9-5	13	3	0	0
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2023 ALL-STAR HONORS

DL Bear Alexander

- Phil Steele All-Pac-12 First Team
- All-Pac-12 Honorable Mention

WR Zachariah Branch

- USA Today First Team All-American (returner)
- PFF First Team All-American (return specialist)
- Sporting News First Team All-American (punt returner)
- Walter Camp Second Team All-American (kick returner)
- FWAA Second Team All-American (kick returner)
- Sports Illustrated Second Team All-American (kick returner)
- FOX Sports Second Team All-American (kick returner)
- Action Sports Second Team All-American (all-purpose player)
- Phil Steele Second Team All-American (specialist)
- CBS Sports Honorable Mention All-American wide receiver/punt returner
- Sports Info Solutions Second Team All-American (returner)
- College Football News Honorable Mention Freshman All-American (wide receiver)
- College Football Network Freshman Specialist of the Year (punt returner)
- College Football Network Freshman All-American
- FWAA Freshman All-American
- The Athletic First Team Freshman All-American
- Jet Award
- All-Pac-12 First Team (return specialist)
- All-Pac-12 Honorable Mention (all purpose/special teams)
- Phil Steele All-Pac-12 First Team
- AP All-Pac-12 Second Team
- Shaun Alexander Freshman of the Year Semifinalist
- The Sporting News Midseason All-America Team (returner)
- ESPN Midseason All-America Team (returner)
- Paul Hornung Award Honor Roll (9/4)
- Pac-12 Special Teams Player of the Week (9/11)

S Calen Bullock

- All-Pac-12 First Team
- AP All-Pac-12 First Team
- AP Midseason All-America Second Team
- Lott IMPACT Trophy Quarterfinalist

DL Kyon Barrs

- Pac-12 Fall Academic Honor Roll

RUSH Solomon Byrd

- All-Pac-12 Honorable Mention
- East-West Shrine Bowl Invitation
- Pac-12 Fall Academic Honor Roll

ILB Mason Cobb

- Phil Steele All-Pac-12 Second Team

RB Matt Colombo

- Pac-12 Fall Academic Honor Roll

ILB Tackett Curtis

- Pac-12 Freshman of the Week (9/25)

PK-P Eddie Czaplicki

- Pac-12 Fall Academic Honor Roll

OL Justin Dedich

- All-Pac-12 Honorable Mention
- Pac-12 Fall Academic Honor Roll

S Hunter Dunn

- Pac-12 Fall Academic Honor Roll

S Matt Galván

- Pac-12 Fall Academic Honor Roll

RB Austin Jones

- Pac-12 Fall Academic Honor Roll

OL Jarrett Kingston

- Pac-12 Fall Academic Honor Roll

RB MarShawn Lloyd

- All-Pac-12 Honorable Mention
- Reese's Senior Bowl Midseason All-American Team
- Reese's Senior Bowl Invitation
- Pac-12 Fall Academic Honor Roll

OL Cooper Lovelace

- Pac-12 Fall Academic Honor Roll

ILB Roman Marchetti

- Pac-12 Fall Academic Honor Roll

TE Lake McRee

- All-Pac-12 Honorable Mention

OL Jonah Monheim

- AP All-Pac-12 Second Team
- All-Pac-12 Honorable Mention
- Pac-12 Fall Academic Honor Roll

QB Miller Moss

- Holiday Bowl Offensive MVP

RUSH Jamil Muhammad

- Pac-12 Fall Academic Honor Roll

RUSH Garrett Pomerantz

- Pac-12 Fall Academic Honor Roll

WR Brenden Rice

- All-Pac-12 Second Team
- Reese's Senior Bowl Invitation

CB Christian Roland-Wallace

- East-West Shrine Bowl Invitation
- Pac-12 Fall Academic Honor Roll

QB Gage Roy

- Pac-12 Fall Academic Honor Roll

S Brandon Shepherd

- Pac-12 Fall Academic Honor Roll

CB L Simpson

- Pac-12 Fall Academic Honor Roll

S Jaylin Smith

- Holiday Bowl Defensive MVP

DL Jack Sullivan

- Pac-12 Fall Academic Honor Roll

OL Michael Tarquin

- Pac-12 Fall Academic Honor Roll

DL Jack Sullivan

- Pac-12 Fall Academic Honor Roll

DL Solomon Tuliaupupu

- Pac-12 Fall Academic Honor Roll

QB Isaac Ward

- Pac-12 Fall Academic Honor Roll

WR Tahj Washington

- All-Pac-12 Honorable Mention
- East-West Shrine Bowl Invitation

SNP Nathan Weneta

- Pac-12 Fall Academic Honor Roll

QB Caleb Williams

- Manning Award Finalist
- Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award Finalist
- Maxwell Award Semifinalist
- Davey O'Brien Award Semifinalist
- Jason Witten Collegiate Man of the Year Semifinalist
- All-Pac-12 Honorable Mention
- Pac-12 Offensive Player of the Week (10/2)

TE Jude Wolfe

- Pac-12 Fall Academic Honor Roll

WR Josiah Zamora

- Pac-12 Fall Academic Honor Roll



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